

PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS CO LTD
Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15a-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Report on Form 6-K dated March 16, 2005

Partner Communications Company Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

8 Amal Street
Afeq Industrial Park
Rosh Ha-ayin 48103
Israel

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the
information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the
registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____)

This Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 26, 2001 (Registration No. 333-14222).

Enclosure: Press Release dated March 16, 2005 re: Partner Communications Announces Standard & Poor's Ratings Services Raised the Company's Long-Term Ratings By Two Notches To BB+ From BB-.

**PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES
STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICES RAISED
THE COMPANY'S LONG-TERM RATINGS BY TWO
NOTCHES TO BB+ FROM BB-**

Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel, 16 March 2005 *Partner Communications Company Ltd. (NASDAQ, Tel Aviv: PTNR, London: PCCD) announces that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its long-term ratings for Partner by two notches to BB+ from BB-. At the same time, the senior unsecured subordinated debt rating was raised to BB- from B.*

Alan Gelman, Partner's CFO, said that the unusual raise of two notches in S&P's rating awarded the Company is further evidence of the confidence of the financial community in the Company's financial strength, its profitability, steady cash flow, and its debt service capabilities. Earlier this week, Maalot, the Israel Securities Rating Company Ltd., strategic partner of Standard & Poor's, awarded Partner an AA- rating of up to NIS 1.5 billion unsecured notes Partner may issue.

Notes: Some of the information in this release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us.

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Words such as *believe, anticipate, expect, intend, seek, will, plan, could, may, project, goal, target, and similar expressions often identify forward-looking statements but are not the only way we identify these statements. Because such statements involve risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from the results currently expected. Factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to:*

Uncertainties about the degree of growth in the number of consumers using wireless personal communications services and in the number of residents;

The risks associated with the implementation of a third-generation network and business strategy, including risks relating to the operations of new systems and technologies, substantial expenditures required and potential unanticipated costs, uncertainties regarding the adequacy of suppliers on whom we must rely to provide both network and consumer equipment and consumer acceptance of the products and services to be offered;

The impact of existing and new competitors in the market in which we compete, including competitors that may offer less expensive products and services, desirable or innovative products, technological substitutes, or have extensive resources or better financing;

The introduction or popularity of new products and services, including prepaid phone products, which could increase churn;

The effects of vigorous competition in the market in which we operate and for more valuable customers, which may decrease prices charged, increase churn and change the customer mix, profitability and average revenue per user;

The availability and cost of capital and the consequences of increased leverage;

The risks and costs associated with the need to acquire additional spectrum for current and future services;

The risks associated with technological requirements, technology substitution and changes and other technological developments;

Fluctuations in exchange rates;

The results of litigation filed or to be filed against us; and

The possibility of the market in which we compete being impacted by changes in political, economic or other factors, such as monetary policy, legal and regulatory changes or other external factors over which we have no control;

*As well as the risk factors specified under the heading **Risk Factors** in our 2003 annual report on form 20-F filed with the SEC on April 30th, 2004.*

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About Partner

Partner Communications Company Ltd. is a leading Israeli mobile communications operator providing GSM/GPRS/UMTS services and wire free applications under the preferred orange brand. The Company commenced full commercial operations in January 1999 and, through its network, provides quality of service and a range of features to 2.34 million subscribers in Israel. Partner subscribers can use roaming services in 154 destinations using 335 GSM networks. The Company launched its 3G service in 2004. Partner's ADSs are quoted on NASDAQ under the symbol PTNR and on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) under the symbol PCCD. Its shares are quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) under the symbol PTNR. For further information: <http://www.investors.partner.co.il>

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Partner Communications Company Ltd.

BY: /S/ Alan Gelman

Alan Gelman
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 16, 2005
