

PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS CO LTD
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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 9, 2010

Partner Communications Company Ltd.
(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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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.)

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(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

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Enclosure: Partner Communications announces S&P Maalot remains unchanged Partner's Rating following expected
Capital Reduction in amount of NIS 1.4 Billions

PARTNER COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES S&P
MAALOT REMAINS UNCHANGED PARTNER'S RATING
FOLLOWING EXPECTED CAPITAL REDUCTION IN
AMOUNT OF NIS 1.4 BILLIONS

ROSH HA'AYIN, Israel, March 9, 2010 - Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner" or "the Company") (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR), a leading Israeli communications operator, announces that Standard & Poor's Maalot ("S&P Maalot") announced today as follows: "the rating and rating outlook of Partner (iIAA -/Stable) and of its parent company, Scailex Corporation Ltd. (iIA -/Stable), remain unchanged following the approval of the capital reduction in the amount of NIS 1.4 billion, given that it was already taken into account entirely in our expectations of the companies' ratings. In our assessment, the margin that exists in the financial profile of Partner in the current rating is sufficient to compensate for the expected rise of leverage as a result of the capital reduction".

To review S&P Maalot PR - http://maya.tase.co.il/bursa/report.asp?report_cd=519610

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the safe harbor provisions of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. 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. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this press release regarding our future performance, plans to increase revenues or margins or preserve or expand market share in existing or new markets, reduce expenses and any statements regarding other future events or our future prospects, are forward-looking statements.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current knowledge and our present beliefs and expectations regarding possible future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about Partner, consumer habits and preferences in cellular telephone usage, trends in the Israeli telecommunications industry in general, the impact of current global economic conditions and possible regulatory and legal developments. For a description of some of the risks we face, see "Item 3D. Key Information - Risk Factors", "Item 4. - Information on the Company", "Item 5. - Operating and Financial Review and Prospects", "Item 8A. - Consolidated Financial Statements and Other Financial Information - Legal and Administrative Proceedings" and "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" in the form 20-F filed with the SEC on April 27, 2009. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this press release might not occur, and actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

About Partner Communications

Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner") is a leading Israeli provider of telecommunications services (cellular, fixed-line telephony and internet services) under the orange™ brand. The Company provides mobile communications services to over 3 million subscribers in Israel (as of December 31, 2009). Partner's ADSs are quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market™ and its shares are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR).

Partner is an approximately 45%-owned subsidiary of Scailex Corporation Ltd. ("Scailex"). Scailex's shares are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange under the symbol SCIX and are quoted on "Pink Quote" under the symbol SCIXF.PK. Scailex currently operates in three major domains of activity: 1) the sole import, distribution and maintenance of Samsung mobile handset and accessories products primarily to the three major cellular operators in Israel; 2) distribution and sale of various manufacturers' mobile handsets, accessories and provision of maintenance services, through a chain of retail stores and booths ("Dynamic"), to end customers of Cellcom (as part of the acquisition of the controlling stake in Partner, Scailex announced to Cellcom the termination of the distribution agreement through Dynamic, effective July 1, 2010 and on Jan 17, 2010 Scailex announced the sale of Dynamic's activity to Cellcom) and; (3) management of its financial assets.

For more information about Scailex, see <http://www.scailex.com>.

For more information about Partner, see http://www.orange.co.il/investor_site.

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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/ Emanuel Avner
Name: Emanuel Avner
Title: Chief Financial
Officer

Dated: March 9, 2010
