

ERICSSON LM TELEPHONE CO

Form 6-K

March 16, 2011

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

## **FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**

**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**March 16, 2011**

## **LM ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

**Torshamnsgatan 23, Kista**

**SE-164 83, Stockholm, Sweden**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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Yes  No

Announcement of LM Ericsson Telephone Company, dated **March 16, 2011** regarding STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN JAPAN

**SIGNATURES**

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

TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON (publ)

By: /s/ NINA MACPHERSON  
**Nina Macpherson**  
**Senior Vice President and**

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**Henry Sténson**  
**Senior Vice President**

**Corporate Communications**

Date: **March 16, 2011**

**STATEMENT ON SITUATION IN JAPAN**

Focus on supporting customers in securing functionality of vital telecommunication services

Japan is a large supplier to the global market for semiconductors and other components and it is reasonable to expect an effect on supply too early to say to what extent

The situation in Japan is not expected to have material impact on Ericsson's Q1 2011 sales. Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) extends its condolences to the Japanese people in this tragic situation and remains fully committed to supporting all our customers in any way possible in securing that the vital mobile networks are functioning satisfactorily.

Ericsson has to date no reports of injured or missing employees. The situation in Japan is still developing and focus of Japanese authorities is on saving lives and supporting affected areas.

At the same time, Ericsson is analyzing the broader effects on the telecommunications industry and Ericsson's business.

Japan is a large supplier to the global market for semiconductors and other components. The telecommunications industry, as well as many other industries, source components from Japan. It is reasonable to expect that the events in Japan will affect supply of components but it is too early to say to what extent.

Business continuity plans and work to assess the impact on Ericsson and mitigation activities has been ongoing since Friday March 11. Typically such activities include supply and sourcing activities such as spot market purchases, redirecting orders to alternative suppliers and tight collaboration with our Japanese supplier base.

Although it is too early to get an accurate picture of how Japanese enterprises are affected, and how this affects Ericsson and the industry, no material impact on Ericsson's sales are expected for Q1 2011.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation in Japan to take further action where necessary. It is however too early to draw any further conclusions before we fully can assess the situation.

**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

*Ericsson is the world's leading provider of technology and services to telecom operators. Ericsson is the leader in 2G, 3G and 4G mobile technologies, and provides support for networks with over 2 billion subscribers and has the leading position in managed services. The company's portfolio comprises mobile and fixed network infrastructure, telecom services, software, broadband and multimedia solutions for operators, enterprises and the media industry. The Sony Ericsson and ST-Ericsson joint ventures provide consumers with feature-rich personal mobile devices.*

*Ericsson is advancing its vision of being the prime driver in an all-communicating world through innovation, technology, and sustainable business solutions. Working in 175 countries, more than 90,000 employees generated revenue of SEK 203.3 billion (USD 28.2 billion) in 2010. Founded in 1876 with the headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, Ericsson is listed on NASDAQ OMX, Stockholm and NASDAQ New York*

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