

HUNGARIAN TELEPHONE & CABLE CORP
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SCHEDULE 13D

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. __)*

HUNGARIAN TELEPHONE AND CABLE CORP.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

4455421030

(CUSIP Number)

Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Iceland

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF

SHARES

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY 1,651,911

OWNED BY

EACH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
1,651,911

WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,651,911

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IV

SCHEDULE 13D

Company: HUNGARIAN TELEPHONE AND CABLE CORP.

CUSIP Number: 4455421030

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the Common Stock), of Hungarian Telephone and Cable Corp., a Delaware corporation (the Company), with its principal executive offices located at 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 3400, Seattle, Washington 98101-3299.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) This Schedule 13D is filed by Straumur-Burdaras Investment Bank hf., a company organized under the laws of Iceland (Straumur, also referred to as the Reporting Person).

(b) Straumur is a corporation located at Borgartun 25, IS-105 Reykjavik, Iceland and is publicly traded on the OMX Nordic Stock Exchange in Iceland.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) During the last five (5) years the Reporting Person has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five (5) years, the Reporting Person has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, which has resulted in the Reporting Person being subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Not applicable.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The funds for the purchase of the Common Stock was provided out of the working capital of Straumur.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The shares of Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons (the Shares) were acquired for investment purposes. The acquisition of the Shares were made in the ordinary course of the Reporting Person s business or investment activities, as the case may be.

Following the Company s press release dated June 28, 2008 confirming that the Company has engaged an investment banking firm to assist it in evaluating strategic alternatives, the Reporting Person is evaluating potential strategic opportunities in connection with its ownership of the Shares. In connection therewith, the Reporting Person may at any time dispose of all or some of the Shares of the Issuer owned by them in the open market or in private transactions. However, the Reporting Person reserves the right, should they determine to do so, to continue to hold such Shares and/or to acquire additional shares in the open market or otherwise.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) Straumur beneficially owns 1,651,911 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 10.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company (based upon the 16,419,733 shares issued and outstanding as of May 8, 2008 as reported in the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 12, 2008).

(b) Straumur has the sole power (i) to vote 1,651,911 shares of Common Stock of the Company, and (ii) to dispose of 1,651,911 shares of Common Stock of the Company.

(c) Except as set forth below, no transactions in the class of securities herein reported were effected by the Reporting Person during the past 60 days:

| Date of Sale | Number of Shares Sold | Price Per Share |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 6/30/2008 | 8,658 | \$ 17.4946 |
| 7/3/2008 | 17,000 | \$ 17.95 |

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect To Securities of the Issuer.

None.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

None.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 25, 2008

STRAUMUR-BURDARAS INVESTMENT BANK HF.

By: /s/ Andrew Bernhardt
Name: Andrew Bernhardt
Title: Officer and Member of Straumur Management
Committee