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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HUNGARIAN TELEPHONE & CABLE CORP [HTC] Blackstone FI (Month/Day/Year) Communications Associates 01/25/2006 (Cayman) Ltd (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O THE BLACKSTONE (Check all applicable) GROUP, 345 PARK AVENUE, _X__ 10% Owner Director Officer (Street) Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting NEW YORK. NYÂ 10154 Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 7,999,789 I See Notes (3) (4) (5) (6) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership

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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (1)	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 0 (1)	I	See Notes (3) (4) (5) (6)
Warrants to purchase Common Stock (2)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,500,000	\$ 0 (2)	I	See Notes (3) (4) (5) (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting owner runter radiction		10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Blackstone FI Communications Associates (Cayman) Ltd C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
Blackstone NSS Communications Partners (Cayman) L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
Blackstone Family Communications Partnership (Cayman) L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
Blackstone Communications Management Associates (Cayman) L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	
PETERSON PETER G C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â	

Signatures

See signatures of reporting persons attached as Exhibit 99.1 02/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Holders of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock have the right, at any time, to convert any such shares into ten shares of common stock of Hungarian Telephone and Cable Corp.
- (2) TDC A/S entered into agreements on March 30, 2005 to acquire warrants to purchase 2,500,000 shares of Common Sock for a period of 60 days from the date of acquisition for a price representing \$9.50 per share.
- (3) See Exhibit 99.2 for explanation of the nature of indirect beneficial ownership.
 - Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the Reporting Persons herein states that this filing shall not be deemed an admission that he or it is the beneficial owner of any of the shares of Common Stock, Series A Convertible
- Preferred Stock and Warrants to purchase Common Stock (the "Securities") covered by this Statement. Each of the reporting persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the Securities, except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest in such Securities.
- (5) Due to the electronic system's limitation of 10 Reporting Persons per joint filing, this statement is being filed in 9 parts.
- (6) Information with respect to each of the Reporting Persons is given solely by such Reporting Person, and no Reporting Person has responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information supplied by another Reporting Person.

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Remarks:

Exhibits: 99.1 Filing Person information; 99.2 Indirect Beneficial Ownership; 99.3 Joint Filing Agreeme

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