OPEN JOINT STOCK CO VIMPEL COMMUNICATIONS Form SC 13D/A May 12, 2005

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

# Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 21)\*

# OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY VIMPEL-COMMUNICATIONS

(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, 0.005 rubles nominal value

(Title of Class of Securities)

68370R 109

(CUSIP Number)

Bjørn Hogstad, Esq. Telenor ASA Snarøyveien 30 N-1331 Fornebu, Norway 47-97-77-8806

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 12, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- 11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person: 15,337,854
- 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions):

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The aggregate amount reported as beneficially owned in row (11) does not include shares which the Reporting Person discloses in the report but as to which beneficial ownership is disclaimed pursuant to Rule 13d-4 [17 CFR 240.13d-4] under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

- 13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11): 29.9% of the outstanding Common Stock (26.6% of the outstanding voting capital stock)
- 14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions): CO

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares.

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# **Item 1. Security and Issuer**

The statement on Schedule 13D relating to the common stock, 0.005 rubles nominal value (the Common Stock), of Open Joint Stock Company Vimpel-Communications, a Russian open joint stock company (VimpelCom), as previously jointly filed by Telenor East Invest AS, Telenor Mobile Holding AS and Telenor ASA (as amended by Amendment Nos. 1 through 20, the Statement), is hereby amended and supplemented with respect to the items set forth below.

Except as provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported in the Statement.

# **Item 2. Identity and Background**

This amendment to the Statement on Schedule 13D is being jointly filed by Telenor East Invest AS, Telenor Mobile Holding AS and Telenor ASA (collectively, the Reporting Persons ).

#### TELENOR EAST INVEST AS

- (a) Telenor East Invest AS, a corporation formed under the laws of Norway.
- (b) Snarøyveien 30

N 1331 Fornebu

Norway

- (c) Telenor East Invest AS is engaged principally in the business of investing in the telecommunications industry outside of Norway.
  - (d) During the last five years, Telenor East Invest AS has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
- (e) During the last five years, Telenor East Invest AS was not a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body as a result of which Telenor East Invest AS was or is 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.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF TELENOR EAST INVEST AS

(a), (b), (c) and (f) The following information sets forth the name, citizenship, business address and present principal occupation of each of the directors and executive officers of Telenor East Invest AS. Except as otherwise indicated, the business address

of each of such persons is Telenor East Invest AS, c/o Telenor ASA, Snarøyveien 30, N-1331 Fornebu, Norway.

# **DIRECTORS OF TELENOR EAST INVEST AS**

Name and Business Address

Citizenship

Fridtjof Rusten

Norway

Present Principal Occupation

Senior Vice President of Telenor ASA and

(Oslo, Norway) Chairman of the Board of Telenor East

Invest AS

Henrik Eidemar Torgersen Norway Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA

(Oslo, Norway)

Gunn Margethe Logith Norway Senior Business Manager of Telenor ASA

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(Oslo, Norway)

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF TELENOR EAST INVEST AS**

Name and Business Address

Citizenship
Inger Petrine Nilsen
(Oslo, Norway)

Present Principal Occupation
Senior Business Manager of Telenor ASA
and President of Telenor East Invest AS

- (d) During the last five years, none of the above executive officers and directors of Telenor East Invest AS has been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
- (e) During the last five years, none of the above executive officers and directors of Telenor East Invest AS was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body as a result of which Telenor East Invest AS was or is 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.

#### TELENOR MOBILE HOLDING AS

- (a) Telenor Mobile Holding AS, a corporation formed under the laws of Norway.
- (b) Snarøyveien 30 N 1331 Fornebu Norway

- (c) Telenor Mobile Holding AS is engaged principally in the development of and investment in the field of telecommunications through direct and indirect ownership of companies and entering into agreements relating to telecommunications.
  - (d) During the last five years, Telenor Mobile Holding AS has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
- (e) During the last five years, Telenor Mobile Holding AS was not a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body as a result of which Telenor Mobile Holding AS was or is 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.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF TELENOR MOBILE HOLDING AS

(f) (a), (b), (c) and (f) The following information sets forth the name, citizenship, business address and present principal occupation of each of the directors and executive officers of Telenor Mobile Holding AS. The address of the directors and executive officers is Telenor Mobile Holding AS, c/o Telenor ASA, Snarøyveien 30, N 1331 Fornebu, Norway.

# DIRECTORS OF TELENOR MOBILE HOLDING AS

Name and Business Address Jon Fredrik Baksaas (Sandvika, Norway)	Citizenship Norway	Present Principal Occupation President and Chief Executive Officer of Telenor ASA and Chairman of the Board of Telenor Mobile Holding AS
Torstein Moland (Lier, Norway)	Norway	Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Telenor ASA
Jan Edvard Thygesen (Nesbru, Norway)	Norway	Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA and Chief Executive Officer of Sonofon
Berit Svendsen (Oslo, Norway)	Norway	Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA

Name and Business Address Citizenship Present Principal Occupation

Morten Fallstein Norway Employee Representative

(Oslo, Norway)

Tore Haugland Norway Employee Representative

(Bergen, Norway)

Arnhild Londal Norway Employee Representative

(Oslo, Norway)

Kirsten Dalholt Norway Senior Advisor of Telenor ASA Nordic

(Oslo, Norway) Division

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF TELENOR MOBILE HOLDING AS

Name and Business Address

Citizenship

Arve Johansen

Citizenship

Norway

Present Principal Occupation

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief

(Oslo, Norway) Executive Officer of Telenor Mobile

Holding AS

Jon Fredrik Baksaas Norway President and Chief Executive Officer of

(Sandvika, Norway) Telenor ASA and Chairman of the Board of

Telenor Mobile Holding AS

(d) During the last five years, none of the above executive officers and directors of Telenor Mobile Holding AS has been convicted in a criminal proceeding.

(e) During the last five years, none of the above executive officers and directors of Telenor Mobile Holding AS has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body as a result of which such executive officer or director was or is 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.

# **TELENOR ASA**

- (a) Telenor ASA, a corporation formed under the laws of Norway.
- (b) Snarøyveien 30

N 1331 Fornebu

Norway

- (c) Telenor ASA is engaged principally in the business of production and supply of services in the fields of telecommunications, data services and media distribution.
  - (d) During the last five years, Telenor ASA has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
- (e) During the last five years, Telenor ASA was not a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body as a result of which Telenor ASA was or is 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.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF TELENOR ASA

(a), (b), (c) and (f) The following information sets forth the name, citizenship, business address and present principal occupation of each of the directors and executive officers of Telenor ASA. Except as otherwise indicated, the business address of each of such persons is c/o Telenor ASA, Snarøyveien 30, N 1331 Fornebu, Norway.

# DIRECTORS OF TELENOR ASA

Name and Business Address	Citizenship	Present Principal Occupation
Torleif Enger	Norway	Chief Executive Officer of Yara
(Ostre Toten, Norway)		International ASA and Chairman of the
		Board of Telenor ASA
Bjorg Ven	Norway	Partner, Haavind Vislie Law Firm; Deputy
(Oslo, Norway)		Chairman of the Board of Telenor ASA; and
		Member of the Boards of Cermaq ASA,
		Vital Insurance AS and Dagbladet AS
Hanne de Mora	Switzerland	Principal of A-Connect and Member of the
(Erlenbach, Switzerland)		Board of Tomra ASA
Jorgen Lindegaard	Denmark	President and Chief Executive Officer of the
(Stockholm, Sweden)		SAS Group and Member of the Boards of
		Finansieringsinstituttet for Industri og
		Haandvaerk AS and Superfos AS
John Giverholt	Norway	Chief Financial Officer of Ferd AS
(Asker, Norway)		

Name and Business Address Citizenship **Present Principal Occupation** Paul Bergqvist Managing Director of Carlsberg Sweden Sweden

(Stockholm, Sweden)

Head of Business Area Communication and Liselott Kilaas Norway

(Oslo, Norway) Security Systems of ZENITEL Norway AS

Per Gunnar Salomonsen Employee Representative Norway

(Skien, Norway)

Harald Stavn Employee Representative Norway

(Kongsberg, Norway)

Irma Ruth Tystad Employee Representative Norway

(Trysil, Norway)

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF TELENOR ASA** 

Name and Business Address Citizenship Present Principal Occupation

President and Chief Executive Officer of Jon Fredrik Baksaas Norway (Sandvika, Norway)

Telenor ASA and Chairman of the Board of

Telenor Mobile Holding AS

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Arve Johansen Norway

**Executive Officer of Telenor Mobile** (Oslo, Norway)

Holding AS

Torstein Moland Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Norway

Financial Officer of Telenor ASA (Lier, Norway)

Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA Jan Edvard Thygesen Norway

(Nesbru, Norway) and Chief Executive Officer of Sonofon

Stig Eide Sivertsen Norway Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA:

(Oslo, Norway) Chief Executive Officer of Telenor

Broadband Services AS: and Chairman of

the Board of Canal Digital AS

Name and Business Address Morten Karlsen Sorby (Hammaro, Sweden) Citizenship Norway Present Principal Occupation Executive Vice President of Telenor ASA and Chief Executive Officer of Telenor Norway

- (d) During the last five years, none of the above executive officers and directors of Telenor ASA has been convicted in a criminal proceeding.
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# **Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction**

On May 12, 2005, Telenor filed an application with the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation (the FAS) in which Telenor requested that the FAS approve an increase in Telenor is permitted ownership of voting capital stock of VimpelCom. At present, Telenor is authorized by the FAS to own up to 26.6% of the voting capital stock of VimpelCom. To ensure it has the flexibility to acquire additional securities of VimpelCom from time to time, Telenor has, in such application, requested that the FAS grant Telenor an approval to own up to 45% of the voting capital stock of VimpelCom. If granted, such approval will be effective for a period of twelve months from the date of grant.

The Reporting Persons may, from time to time, and reserve the right to, change their plans or intentions and to take any and all actions that they deem appropriate to maximize the value of their investment in VimpelCom. In order to maximize the value of their investment in VimpelCom, the Reporting Persons may, from time to time, consider, evaluate or propose various possible transactions involving VimpelCom or its subsidiaries or affiliates, which could include, among other things:

- (i) the possible acquisition of additional securities of VimpelCom from time to time in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, including, without limitation, through entry into and exercise of call options or other derivative transactions;
- (ii) the possible acquisition or disposition of debt securities or other debt instruments of third parties, in each case, that are secured by, convertible into or exchangeable for securities of VimpelCom, and the enforcement of any such security interest or the exercise of any such exchange or conversion right;

- (iii) the possible disposition or exchange of any securities of VimpelCom owned by them;
- (iv) possible extraordinary corporate transactions (such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization or restructuring) involving VimpelCom or any of its subsidiaries, including with other telecommunication companies which may be affiliated with the Reporting Persons;
- (v) the possible acquisition by VimpelCom or its subsidiaries of assets or interests in one or more telecommunication companies, including other telecommunication companies which may be affiliated with the Reporting Persons, or the possible sale of assets or operations by VimpelCom or its subsidiaries;
  - (vi) making or seeking to make changes in or affecting the Board of Directors or management of VimpelCom;
  - (vii) possible litigation involving VimpelCom, its Board of Directors and/or its management; or
  - (viii) entering into and unwinding derivative transactions with respect to the securities of VimpelCom.

The Reporting Persons may also, from time to time, formulate other plans or proposals regarding VimpelCom or its securities to the extent deemed advisable in light of market conditions, subsequent developments affecting VimpelCom, the general business and future prospects of VimpelCom, tax considerations, or other factors.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The Reporting Persons may, from time to time, enter into and unwind cash settled equity swap or other similar derivative transactions with respect to the securities of VimpelCom, which transactions may be significant in amount. These arrangements do not and will not give the Reporting Persons voting or investment control over the securities of VimpelCom to which these transactions relate and, accordingly, the Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of any such securities.

Except as provided in the documents described in the Statement on Schedule 13D and Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 hereto, or as set forth herein, neither Telenor, Telenor Mobile Holding AS or Telenor ASA, nor to the best of Telenor s, Telenor Mobile Holding AS s or Telenor ASA s knowledge, any of the individuals named in Item 2 hereof has entered into any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of VimpelCom, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any securities, finder s fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangement, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or losses, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Amendment to the Statement on Schedule 13D is true, complete and correct and that such Statement, as amended hereby, is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 12, 2005

# TELENOR EAST INVEST AS

By /s/ Fridtjof Rusten

Name: Fridtjof Rusten

Title: Chairman of the Board

# TELENOR MOBILE HOLDING AS

By /s/ Jon Fredrik Baksaas

Name: Jon Fredrik Baksaas Title: Chairman of the Board

#### **TELENOR ASA**

By /s/ Jon Fredrik Baksaas

Name: Jon Fredrik Baksaas

Title: President and Chief Executive

Officer