

BRAZIL TELECOM HOLDING CO
Form 6-K
October 01, 2003

**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**

THROUGH October 1, 2003

(Commission File No. 1-14477)

BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BRAZIL TELECOM HOLDING COMPANY
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**SIA Sul, Área de Serviços Públicos, Lote D, Bloco B
Brasília, D.F., 71.215-000
Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

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BRASIL TELECOM REDUCES CAPEX FOR 2003

Brasilia, Brazil, September 30, 2003 Considering the permanent search for greater efficiency in using its cash resources and the economy slowdown during 2003, Brasil Telecom (NYSE: **BRP, BTM and BOVESPA: BRTP4/BRTP3, BRTO4/BRTO3**) decided for a reduction in the 2003 CAPEX, approved by the Board of Directors, from R\$1.8 billion to R\$1.4 billion, which represents a saving of, approximately, R\$440 million. With this reduction and the solid and increasing cash generation, Brasil Telecom expects a reduction of the consolidated net debt by the end of 2003.

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Brasil Telecom Participações S.A. is the holding company of Brasil Telecom S.A., which provides local, intra-state and intra-region long distance, network, data communication and other value-added services to the states of Acre, Rondônia, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Tocantins, Goiás, Santa Catarina, Paraná, and Rio Grande do Sul, as well as the Federal District. This operating area covers 24% of the population (over 41 million people), 25% of the Brazilian GDP (approximately R\$280 billion in 2002) and 33% of the nation's territory (nearly 2.8 million km²).

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: October 1, 2003

BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Paulo Pedrão Rio Branco

Name: Paulo Pedrão Rio
Branco
Title: Financial Executive
Officer
