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Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 20-F**

(Mark One)

- " REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
  OR
- x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

  For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

OR

- " TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
- " SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

  For the transition period from to

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# VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**VIVO Holding Company** 

(Translation of Registrant s name into English)

The Federative Republic of Brazil

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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São Paulo, SP, Brazil

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

#### Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered New York Stock Exchange\* New York Stock Exchange

Preferred Shares, without par value American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by American Depositary Receipts), each representing 1 preferred share

\* Not for trading purposes, but only in connection with the registration on the New York Stock Exchange of American Depositary Shares representing those preferred shares.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

#### None

# Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

#### None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer s classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

The number of outstanding shares of each class as of December 31, 2005:

**Number of Shares** Outstanding 250,457,704 411.866,638

**Title of Class** 

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

" Yes x No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

" Yes x No

Note Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

x Yes " No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Large Accelerated Filer " Accelerated Filer " Non-accelerated Filer x

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

" Item 17 x Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

" Yes x No

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#### INTRODUCTION

All references in this annual report to:

1xRTT are to 1x Radio Transmission Technology, the CDMA 2000 1x technology, which pursuant to the ITU (International Telecommunication Union) and in accordance with the IMT-2000 rules, is the 3G (third generation) technology;

ADRs are to the American Depositary Receipts evidencing our ADSs;

ADSs are to our American Depositary Shares, each representing 1 share of our non-voting preferred stock. On April 1, 2005, TCP approved a reverse stock split in which every 2,500 preferred shares were converted into one preferred share. There were no reverse splits of ADRs. Thus, there were no fractional ADRs resulting from the reverse split. Since May 4, 2005, each ADR represents one (1) preferred share;

AMPS are to Advanced Mobile Phone System, a radio interface technology for cellular networks based on spectral spreading of the radio signal and channel division in the frequency domain;

ANATEL are to Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações ANATEL, the Brazilian telecommunication regulatory agency;

BOVESPA are to the Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo, the São Paulo stock exchange;

Brazilian Central Bank, BACEN, Central Bank of Brazil or Central Bank are to the *Banco Central do Brasil*, the Brazilian central bank:

Brazilian Corporate Law are to Law No. 6,404 of December, 1976, as amended by Law No. 9,457 of May 1997 and by Law No. 10,303 of October 2001;

Brazilian government are to the federal government of the Federative Republic of Brazil;

CDMA are to Code Division Multiple Access, an aerial interface technology for cellular networks based on spectral spreading of the radio signal and channel division in the code domain;

CDMA 2000 1xEV-DO are to a 3G (third generation) access technology with data transmission speed of up to 2.4 megabytes per second:

Commission are to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission;

CVM are to the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários, the Brazilian securities commission;

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General Telecommunications Law are to *Lei Geral de Telecomunicações*, as amended, which regulates the telecommunications industry in Brazil;

GSM are to the Global System for Mobile Communications, a service rendered by concession from ANATEL for a specific frequency range;

Net additions are to the total number of new customers acquired in the period minus the reduction in the number of customers;

NYSE are to the New York Stock Exchange;

real, reais or R\$ are to Brazilian reais, the official currency of Brazil;

SMC are to Serviço Movél Celular (Mobile Cellular Service), a service rendered pursuant to a concession granted by ANATEL to provide mobile service in a specific frequency range;

SMP are to Serviço Móvel Pessoal (Personal Cellular Service), a service rendered pursuant to an authorization granted by ANATEL to provide mobile service in a specific frequency range;

SMS are to text messaging services for cellular handsets, which allow customers to send and receive alphanumerical messages;

TDMA are to Time Division Multiple Access, a radio interface technology for cellular networks based on spectral spreading of the radio signal and channel division in the time domain;

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Telebrás are to Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A. Telebrás;

The Merger are to the merger of the Vivo Companies as discussed in Item 4 Information on the Company Merger of the Vivo Companies ;

US\$, dollars or U.S. dollars are to United States dollars;

Vivo, TCP, the Company, we, our and us are to *Vivo Participações S.A.* (formerly known as *Telesp Celular Participações*) and consolidated subsidiaries (unless the context otherwise requires);

Vivo brand are to the brand used in Brazil in the operations of the Vivo Companies, which together constitute the assets of the Brasilcel joint venture between *Portugal Telecom* and *Telefónica Móviles*;

Vivo Companies are to TCP (renamed Vivo Participações S.A.), TCO, TLE, TSD, and Celular CRT, collectively; and

WAP are to Wireless Application Protocol, an open and standardized protocol started in 1997, which allows access to Internet servers through specific equipment, a WAP Gateway at the carrier, and WAP browsers in customers handsets.

TCP s subsidiaries and other entities formerly under common control of Brasilcel include:

TCP subsidiaries

Telesp Celular S.A., also referred to as Telesp Celular or TC;

Global Telecom S.A., also referred to as Global Telecom or GT; and

Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações, or TCO, which includes TCO s B-Band subsidiary, NBT; Entities formerly under common control of Brasilcel

Celular CRT Participações S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries, or Celular CRT;

Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries, or TLE; and

Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries, or TSD; Unless otherwise specified, data relating to the Brazilian telecommunications industry included in this annual report were obtained from ANATEL.

#### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2005, 2004 and for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 have been prepared in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil, as prescribed by Brazilian Corporate Law, or the Brazilian GAAP Method, which differs in certain significant respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. Note 37 to our financial statements appearing elsewhere in this annual report describes the principal differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP as they relate to us, and provides a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of net loss and shareholders equity. These consolidated financial statements have been audited by *Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes*.

Prior to 2003, we presented financial information in our annual report on Form 20-F using the price-level accounting methodology prescribed by the Brazilian Federal Accountancy Council. Beginning with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, we changed to the Brazilian Corporate Law Method because we do not primarily rely on price-level accounting in reporting to investors and regulatory authorities in Brazil. For consistency, we have presented all our financial information in this annual report, in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law Method. As a result, the financial information included in this annual report as of and for the year ended

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uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

December 31, 2002 or for previous years is different from the information we presented in our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2002 or for previous years. See note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included herein.

Our consolidated financial statements include the results of Telesp Celular. In addition, since December 27, 2002, we have consolidated 100% of the results of Global Telecom, and, since May 1, 2003, we have also consolidated TCO s results due to our acquisition of this company.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain sections in this annual report, principally in Item 3.D. Key Information Risk Factors, Item 4 Information on the Company and Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects, contain information that is forward-looking, including but not limited to:

statements concerning our operations and prospects;
the size of the Brazilian telecommunications market;
estimated demand forecasts;
our ability to secure and maintain telecommunications infrastructure licenses, rights of way and other regulatory approvals;
our strategic initiatives and plans for business growth;
industry conditions;
our funding needs and financing sources;
network completion and product development schedules;
expected characteristics of competing networks, products and services;
quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risks;
other statements of management s expectations, beliefs, future plans and strategies, anticipated developments and other matters that are not historical facts; and
other factors identified or discussed under Item 3.D. Key Information Risk Factors.  Forward looking statements may also be identified by words such as believe, expect, anticipate, project, intend, should, seek,

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similar expressions. Forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results. The risks and

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the short history of our operations as an independent, private-sector entity and the introduction of competition to the Brazilian telecommunications sector;
the cost and availability of financing;
uncertainties relating to political and economic conditions in Brazil;
inflation, interest rate and exchange rate risks;
the Brazilian government s telecommunications policy; and

the adverse determination of disputes under litigation.

We undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking information, events and circumstances discussed in this annual report might not occur. Our actual results and performance could differ substantially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements.

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#### PART I

# ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS Not applicable.

# **ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE** Not applicable.

## ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

#### A. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data as of December 31, 2005, 2004 and for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 included in this annual report have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report and audited by *Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes*. The selected financial data as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 and for the two years in the period ended December 31, 2002 included in this annual report have been derived from our audited financial statements and notes thereto audited by *Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes*, which are not included in this annual report. See Presentation of Financial Information above for additional information.

In April 2003, we acquired 64.03% of the outstanding voting capital stock of TCO. We acquired additional shares of voting capital stock of TCO in a public tender offer in November, 2003, bringing the percentage of TCO s outstanding voting capital stock we owned to 86.19%. Since May 1, 2003, TCP has consolidated TCO s results due to the acquisition of its control. In October 2004 we acquired additional preferred shares of TCO in a second public tender offer. In July 2005, we acquired additional shares of voting capital stock of TCO in a capital increase bringing our percentage ownership of TCO s voting capital stock to 90.59% (accounting for treasury shares that were canceled in July 2005).

In February, 2006, TCO became a wholly-owned subsidiary of TCP (at which time TCP was renamed Vivo Participações S.A., or Vivo) pursuant to the Merger (as defined in Item 4.A. Information on the Company Our History and Development ), whereby holders of common shares, preferred shares or (where applicable) ADSs of TCO and the other constituent companies received common shares, preferred shares or ADSs, respectively, of TCP. The Merger was completed on March 30, 2006 and on March 31, 2006 our shares began being traded under Vivo s ticker on the BOVESPA and NYSE. Vivo became the holding company of TCO and of the subsidiaries of the other companies. See Item 4.A. Information on the Company Our History and Development below for additional information on the Merger.

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law Method, which differs in certain material respects from U.S. GAAP. See note 36 to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of (i) the differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP as they relate to us, (ii) a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of shareholders—equity as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and (iii) our net gain for the year ended December 31, 2005 and net loss for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

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The following tables present a summary of our selected financial data at the dates and for each of the periods indicated. You should read the following information together with our financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report and with Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.

	2005	2004	ended December 2003 f reais, except per	2002	2001
Income Statement Data:			,		
Brazilian Corporate Law Method					
Net operating revenue	7,473.1	7,341.0	6,046.3	3,415.0	2,966.1
Cost of services and goods sold	(3,357.5)	(3,326.2)	(3,020.5)	(1,739.4)	(1,724.2)
Gross profit	4,115.6	4,014.8	3,025.8	1,675.6	1,241.9
Operating expenses:					
Selling expenses	(2,626.5)	(1,909.3)	(1,264.9)	(526.9)	(537.3)
General and administrative expenses	(659.4)	(620.6)	(561.3)	(343.2)	(317.5)
Other net operating income (expenses)	(343.0)	(169.9)	(145.0)	(39.8)	(41.1)
Operating income before equity in losses of unconsolidated					
subsidiary and net financial expenses	486.7	1,315.0	1,054.6	765.7	346.0
Equity in losses of unconsolidated subsidiary				(890.7)	(653.6)
Net financial expenses	(917.6)	(1,095.4)	(1,133.5)	(808.4)	(541.5)
Operating income (loss)	(430.9)	219.6	(78.9)	(933.4)	(849.1)
Net non-operating income (expenses)	(65.3)	(51.2)	(25.7)	10.0	(0.4)
Extraordinary item				(170.8)	(278.8)
Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interests	(496.2)	168.4	(104.6)	(1,094.2)	(1,128.3)
Income taxes	(246.1)	(327.1)	(277.9)	(46.5)	14.7
Minority interests	(166.9)	(331.5)	(257.7)		
Net income (loss)	(909.2)	(490.2)	(640.2)	(1,140.7)	(1,113.6)
Net income (loss) per shares	(1.3728)	(0.00042)	(0.00055)	(0.00097)	(0.000243)
Dividends declared per thousand preferred shares (R\$)					
Dividends declared per thousand common Shares (R\$)					
U.S. GAAP					
Net operating revenue	9,454.5	10,019.7	7,886.5	4,575.0	3,619.6
Operating income	714.5	1,165.4	951.4	328.8	198.0
Net financial expenses	(913.6)	(985.8)	(345.2)	(1,149.6)	(743.5)
Equity in losses of unconsolidated subsidiaries				(759.1)	(733.8)
Net non-operating income (expenses)	(15.0)	(7.2)	(7.0)	9.8	(0.4)
Extraordinary item, net of tax					(12.7)
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests and					
extraordinary item	(214.1)	172.4	599.2	(1,570.1)	(1,288.9)
Income taxes and minority interest	(382.7)	(673.1)	(698.0)	74.4	97.5
Extraordinary item, net of tax					(12.7)
Net income (loss)	(596.8)	(500.7)	(98.8)	(1,495.7)	(1,204.1)
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per shares common(2)	(2.56)	(3.06)	(0.60)	(15.58)	(18.80)
Weighted average common shares outstanding(2)	232,737,408	163,753,546	163,753,546	163,753,546	64,055,598
Weighted average preferred shares outstanding(2)	410,109,272	304,960,195	304,960,195	178,807,226	119,291,510

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
	(in n	nillions of <i>rec</i>	ais)
Cash Flow Data:			
Cash flows from operating activities	1,469.8	1,307.3	1,459.7
Cash flows from investing activities	(1,718.2)	(2,291.4)	(1,643.3)
Cash flows from financing activities	(76.8)	1,006.1	1,324.6

	As of December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
		(in millions	of <i>reais</i> , except for p	er share data)	
Balance Sheet Data:					
Brazilian Corporate Law Method					
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,993.4	5,603.0	5,240.8	4,770.7	3,695.8
Total assets	13,786.7	14,139.4	13,624.7	9,654.4	6,872.2
Loans and financing	5,193.0	4,963.2	6,289.2	4,460.8	2,580.1
Shareholders equity	4,015.2	2,907.4	3,393.2	4,010.0	2,742.6
Capital Stock	6,670.2	4,373.7	4,373.7	4,373.7	1,873.3
Number of shares as adjusted to reflect changes in					
capital	662,325	1,171,784,352	1,171,784,352	1,171,784,352	458,367,772
U.S. GAAP					
Property, plant and equipment, net	6,075.3	5,649.7	4,738.3	2,794.5	2,978.0
Total assets	14,469.3	14,226.3	13,546.5	10,202.0	7,218.3
Total liabilities	9,252.1	8,518.3	9,213.7	6,894.7	4,787.4
Shareholders equity	4,138.9	2,735.6	3,232.0	3,307.3	2,430.9
Capital stock	6,670.2	4,373.7	4,373.7	4,373.7	1,873.3
Number of shares as adjusted to reflect changes in					
capital	662,325	468,714	468,714	468,714	183,347

<sup>(1)</sup> Interest on shareholder s equity is includes as part of the dividends and presented net of taxes.

## **Exchange Rates**

Before March 14, 2005, there were two principal foreign exchange markets in Brazil:

the commercial rate exchange market; and

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<sup>(2)</sup> As a result of the corporate restructuring completed on January 2000, the Company was obligated to issue shares to the controlling shareholder for the amount of the tax benefit on the amortization of intangibles related to our concession that was transferred through the Merger. The numbers of issuable shares, which are determined on the basis of estimates using the Company's share price at the date of the balance sheet, are considered dilutive and are included on the basis of purposes of calculating diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The potentially diluted shares, consisting solely of the estimate of issuable shares mentioned above, have been excluded from the computation for all periods presented as their effect would have been anti-dilutive. As described in Note i to the Company's financial statements, for the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company adopted Emerging Issues Task Force EITF No. 03-6, Participating Securities and the Two-class Method under FASB Statement No. 128. Since preferred shareholders have a liquidation preference over common shareholders, net losses are not allocated to preferred shareholders. Prior period earnings per share amounts presented for comparative purposes were restated to conform to the current year presentation. Additionally, loss per share and share amounts for all periods retroactively reflect the effect of the reverse stock split described in Note i to the Company's financial statements.

the floating rate exchange market.

Most trade and financial foreign-exchange transactions were carried out on the commercial rate exchange market. The floating market rate generally applied to transactions to which the commercial market rate did not apply. Prior to February 1999, the exchange rate in each market was established independently, resulting in different rates during some periods. Since February 1, 1999, the Central Bank placed the commercial rate exchange market and the floating rate exchange market under identical operational limits, and financial institutions operating in the commercial market were authorized to unify their positions in the two different markets, which led to a convergence in the pricing and liquidity of both markets and a reduction in the difference between their respective rates.

With the enactment of Resolution No. 3,265 dated March 4, 2005 by the National Monetary Council both markets were consolidated into one single foreign exchange market, effective as of March 14, 2005. All foreign exchange transactions are now carried out in this single consolidated market, through institutions authorized to operate in such market.

Foreign exchange rates continue to be freely negotiated, but may be influenced by Central Bank intervention. From March 1995 through January 1999, the Central Bank allowed the gradual devaluation of the real against the U.S. dollar. In January 1999, the Central Bank allowed the real/U.S. dollar exchange rate to float freely. Since then, the real/U.S. dollar exchange rate has been established mainly by the Brazilian interbank market and has fluctuated considerably. In the past, the Central Bank has intervened occasionally to control unstable movements in foreign exchange rates. We cannot predict whether the Central Bank or the Brazilian government will continue to let the real float freely or will intervene in the exchange rate market through a currency band system or otherwise, or that the exchange market will not be volatile as a result of political instability or other factors. In light of these factors, we cannot predict that the real will not depreciate or appreciate in value in relation to the U.S. dollar substantially in the future. In addition, exchange rate fluctuations may also affect our financial condition. For more information on these risks, see Risk Factors Risks Relating to Brazil.

The following tables set forth the commercial selling rate, expressed in *reais* per U.S. dollar (R\$/US\$) for the periods indicated, as reported by the Central Bank.

		Exchange Rate of R\$ per US\$		
	Low	High	Average(1)	Year-End
Year ended December 31,				
2001	1.936	2.801	2.352	2.320
2002	2.271	3.955	2.931	3.533
2003	2.822	3.662	3.071	2.889
2004	2.654	3.205	2.917	2.654
2005	2.163	2.762	2.434	2.341

Source: Central Bank of Brazil, PTAX.

(1) Represents the average of the exchange rates (PTAX) on the last day of each month during the relevant period.

		Exchange Rate of R\$ per US\$	
	Low	High	
Month Ended			
October 31, 2005	2.234	2.289	
November 30, 2005	2.163	2.252	
December 31, 2005	2.180	2.374	
January 31, 2006	2.212	2.346	
February 28, 2006	2.118	2.222	
March 31, 2006	2.107	2.224	

Source: Central Bank of Brazil, PTAX.

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# B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

#### C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

#### D. Risk Factors

This section is intended to be a summary of more detailed discussions contained elsewhere in this annual report. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Our business, results of operations or financial condition could be harmed if any of these risks materializes and, as a result, the trading price of the ADSs could decline.

#### Risks Relating to Brazil

The Brazilian government has exercised, and continues to exercise, significant influence over the Brazilian economy. Brazilian political and economic conditions have a direct impact on our business, operations and the market price of our preferred shares and our ADSs.

In the past, the Brazilian government has intervened in the Brazilian economy and occasionally made drastic changes in policy. The Brazilian government s actions to control inflation and affect other policies have often involved wage and price controls, currency devaluations, capital controls, and limits on imports, among other things.

Our business, financial condition, results of operations and the market price of our preferred shares and ADSs may be adversely affected by changes in government policies, as well as general economic factors, including:

currency fluctuations;
exchange control policies;
internal economic growth;
inflation;
price instability;
energy policy;
interest rates;
liquidity of domestic capital and lending markets;

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tax policies (including reforms currently under discussion in the Brazilian Congress); and

other political, diplomatic, social and economic developments in or affecting Brazil.

Uncertainty as to future government policies may contribute to an increase in the volatility of the Brazilian securities markets and securities issued abroad by Brazilian companies. The Brazilian economy grew 2.3% in 2005, 4.9% in 2004 and 0.5% in 2003. Due to the limited economic growth in recent years, it is not certain whether the current economic policy will prevail. We cannot predict Brazil s monetary, tax, social security and other policies, nor if such policies will cause an adverse impact to the economy and to our business and results of operations or the market price of our preferred shares and ADSs.

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#### Tax reforms may affect our prices.

The Brazilian government has proposed tax reforms that are currently being considered by the Brazilian Congress. If we experience a higher tax burden as a result of the tax reform, we may have to pass the cost of that tax increase to our customers. This increase may have a material negative impact on the dividends paid by our subsidiaries to us and on our revenues and operating results.

#### Political instability may have an adverse impact on the Brazilian economy.

Political crises in Brazil in the past have affected the trust of investors and the public in general, as well as the development of the economy. Political crises may have an adverse impact on the Brazilian economy, our business, financial condition and results of operations and the market price of our preferred shares and ADSs.

Inflation and certain government measures to curb inflation may have adverse effects on the Brazilian economy, the Brazilian securities market and/or our business and operations.

Brazil has historically experienced extremely high rates of inflation. Inflation and certain of the Brazilian government s measures taken in the attempt to curb inflation have had significant negative effects on the Brazilian economy. Since 1994, Brazil s inflation rate has been substantially lower than in previous periods. However, inflationary pressures persist, and actions taken in an effort to curb inflation, coupled with public speculation about possible future governmental actions, have contributed to economic uncertainty in Brazil and heightened volatility in the Brazilian securities market. In 2005, the general price index, or the IGP-DI (the *Indice Geral de Preços Disponibilidade Interna*), an inflation index developed by the *Fundação Getúlio Vargas*, a private Brazilian foundation, reflected inflation of 1.22%, compared to 12.13% in 2004 and 7.7% in 2003.

Future measures taken by the Brazilian government may have an adverse impact on the Brazilian economy, our business, financial condition and results of operation, or on the market price of our preferred shares and ADSs. If Brazil experiences significant inflation, we may be unable to increase service rates to our customers in amounts that are sufficient to cover our increasing operating costs, and our business may be adversely affected. In addition, high inflation generally leads to higher domestic interest rates and, as a result, the cost of servicing our *real*-denominated debt may increase. Inflation and its effect on domestic interest rates can, in addition, lead to reduced liquidity in the domestic capital and lending markets, which could adversely affect our ability to refinance our indebtedness in those markets.

Fluctuations in the value of the real against the value of the U.S. dollar may adversely affect our ability to pay U.S. dollar-denominated or U.S. dollar-linked obligations and could lower the market value of our preferred shares and ADSs.

The Brazilian currency has been devalued frequently over the past four decades. Throughout this period, the Brazilian government has implemented various economic plans and used various exchange rate policies, including sudden devaluations, periodic mini-devaluations (during which the frequency of adjustments has ranged from daily to monthly), exchange controls, dual exchange rate markets and a floating exchange rate system. From time to time, there have been significant fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Brazilian currency and the U.S. dollar and other currencies. For example, the real depreciated by 15.7% and 34.3% against the U.S. dollar in 2001 and 2002, respectively. In 2003 and 2004, the real appreciated against the U.S. dollar by 22.3% and 8.8%, respectively, and in 2005 the real appreciated by 11.8% against the U.S. dollar.

Devaluation of the real relative to the U.S. dollar could create additional inflationary pressures in Brazil by generally increasing the price of imported products and requiring recessionary government policies to curb aggregate demand. The sharp depreciation of the real in relation to the U.S. dollar may generate inflation and governmental measures to fight possible inflationary outbreaks, including the increase in interest rates. On the other hand, appreciation of the real against the U.S. dollar may lead to a deterioration of the country s current account and the balance of payments, as well as dampen export-driven growth. Devaluations of the real would

reduce the U.S. dollar value of distributions and dividends on our preferred shares and ADSs and may also reduce the market value of such securities. Any such macroeconomic effects could adversely affect our net operating revenues and our overall financial performance.

Devaluation of the real relative to the U.S. dollar may increase the cost of our indebtedness in foreign currency. It would also reduce the U.S. dollar value of our revenues and distribution of dividends. As of December 31, 2005, TCP had R\$5.2 billion in consolidated total debt, of which approximately 62% was denominated in foreign currencies, such as the U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and the UMBNDES (an index of several currencies predominantly influenced by the U.S. dollar). Significant costs relating to our network infrastructure and handset costs are payable or linked to payment by us in U.S. dollars. At the same time, while our foreign currency debt obligations were covered by derivative contracts as of December 31, 2005 and we may derive income from these and other derivative transactions, all of our operating revenues are generated in *reais*. To the extent that the value of the real decreases relative to the U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and UMBNDES, our debt becomes more expensive to service and it becomes more costly for us to acquire the technology and the goods that are necessary to operate our business. Although we currently hedge our foreign currency debt, we may decide to change our hedging policy in the future. In addition, when the value of the real increases relative to the U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and UMBNDES, the decrease in the cost of servicing our debt is offset by our losses on the derivatives associated with it. See Item 3. Key Information Exchange Rates for more information on exchange rates.

## Fluctuations in interest rates may have an adverse effect on our business and on the market price of our preferred shares and ADSs.

Between February and July 2002, the Central Bank reduced the basic interest rate from 19% to 18%. Between October 2002 and February 2003, the Central Bank increased the basic interest rate by 8.5 percentage points, to 26.5%. In June 2003 the Central Bank started again reducing the basic interest rate. In 2004 and in the first months of 2005 the Central Bank increased the basic interest rate. As of December 31, 2005, the basic interest rate is 18%. As of December 31, 2005, TCP s total indebtedness was R\$5,193.0 million. Approximately 38% of such indebtedness is denominated in *reais* and mostly pegged to the CDI (*Certificado Depositário Interbancário*) rate, a Brazilian interbank rate. All other debt was denominated in foreign currencies and fully covered by derivative contracts so that the final cost of the debt and the associated derivative is the CDI rate. As a consequence, an increase in the CDI interest rates and inflation indexes would increase the costs of our debt, which could adversely affect the market s perception of the value of our shares.

## Brazilian government exchange control policies could adversely affect our ability to make payments on foreign currency-denominated debt.

The purchase and sale of foreign currency in Brazil is subject to governmental control. In the past, the Central Bank has centralized certain payments of principal on external obligations. Many factors could cause the Brazilian government to institute a more restrictive exchange control policy, including, without limitation, the extent of Brazilian foreign currency reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange, the size of Brazil's debt service burden relative to the economy as a whole, Brazil's policy towards the International Monetary Fund, or IMF, and political constraints to which Brazil may be subject. A more restrictive policy could affect the ability of Brazilian debtors (including us) to make payments outside of Brazil to meet foreign currency-denominated obligations.

Deterioration in economic and market conditions in other countries, especially emerging market countries, may adversely affect the Brazilian economy and our business.

The market for securities issued by Brazilian companies is influenced by economic and market conditions in Brazil and, to varying degrees, market conditions in other Latin American and emerging market countries. Although economic conditions are different in each country, the reaction of investors to developments in one country may cause the capital markets in other countries to fluctuate. Developments or conditions in other

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emerging market countries have at times significantly affected the availability of credit in the Brazilian economy and resulted in considerable outflows of funds and declines in the amount of foreign currency invested in Brazil. Any adverse economic developments in other emerging markets may adversely affect investor confidence in securities issued by Brazilian companies, including our preferred shares and ADSs, causing the market price and liquidity of those securities to suffer.

Risks Relating to the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry and Us

Extensive government regulation of the telecommunications industry may limit our flexibility in responding to market conditions, competition and changes in our cost structure.

Our business is subject to extensive government regulation, including any changes that may occur during the period of our concession to provide telecommunication services. ANATEL, which is the main telecommunications industry regulator in Brazil, regulates, among other things:

	industry policies and regulations;
	licensing;
	tariffs;
	competition;
	telecommunications resource allocation;
	service standards;
	technical standards;
	interconnection and settlement arrangements; and
This exte	universal service obligations. ensive regulation and the conditions imposed by our authorization to provide telecommunication services may limit our flexibility in

Our results have been affected, and may continue to be affected in the medium and long term, as a result of the new SMP rules.

responding to market conditions, competition and changes in our cost structure.

In 2002, ANATEL changed the Personal Mobile Service (*Serviço Móvel Pessoal*), or SMP, regime (first enacted in December 2000), encouraging companies operating under the Mobile Cellular Service (*Serviço Móvel Celular*), or SMC, regime to migrate to the SMP regime.

Under the SMP regime, we no longer receive payments from our customers for outbound long-distance traffic but receive payments for the use of our network in accordance with a network usage payment plan. However, the interconnection fees that we receive from long-distance operators may not compensate us for the revenues that we would have received from our customers for outbound long-distance traffic. Until June 30, 2004, SMP service providers were able to opt to establish a price cap or freely negotiate their interconnection charges. Now, free negotiation is the rule, subject to ANATEL regulations relating to the traffic capacity and interconnection infrastructure that must be made

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available to requesting parties. In 2005, ANATEL began permitting free negotiations for mobile interconnection, or VU-M, fees and by July, 2005, local-fixed concessionaires and mobile operators had reached a provisional agreement in respect of VU-M fees for local calls, or VC-1 (the agreement guaranteed a 4.5% increase in fees). ANATEL approved that provisional agreement and in March, 2006, approved another provisional agreement for VU-M fees for long-distance calls, or VC-2 and VC-3. ANATEL is currently studying a new model to determine values for interconnection fees and is expected to have completed such model by mid-2007. This model is expected to set fees according to respective costs of current market participants.

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In addition, under the SMP regime, an SMP operator used to pay for the use of another SMP operator s network in the same registration area only if the traffic carried from the first operator to the second exceeded 55% of the total traffic exchanged between them. In that case, only those calls that surpassed the 55% level were subject to payment for network usage. As a result, if the traffic we terminate for other SMP operators exceeds the traffic they terminate for our company, our revenues and results of operations may be affected. In the twelve months ended December, 31, 2005, for example, this regulatory change contributed to a decrease in our revenues from interconnection fees charged to other companies. See Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.

At various times, there have been discussions about reversing the billing system described in the previous paragraph or, alternatively, taking it further by eliminating all payments for network usage between SMP networks. This rule remains in effect under Resolution n° 408, published by ANATEL in 2005, which sets forth the partial bill and keep rule in respect of payments for interconnection among SMP networks, although a fully developed cost-model has not yet been developed or implemented. We cannot predict whether the current regulatory regime will remain in place or whether any future regulatory change could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

#### If the inflation adjustment index now applied to our prices is changed, the new index may not be adequate.

The Brazilian government currently uses the General Price Index, or the IGP-DI (the *Índice Geral de Preços Disponibilidade Interna*), an inflation index developed by the *Fundação Getúlio Vargas*, a private Brazilian economic organization, in connection with the prices charged in the telecommunications industry. Beginning in 2007, we expect the Brazilian government to begin to regulate the telecommunications industry based on a model that would analyze companies costs based on a hypothetical company s costs and other factors. In connection with the introduction of this model, the Brazilian government may use a different inflation adjustment mechanism, the IST index (*Índice de Serviços de Telecomunicações*), beginning in 2008. If this new inflation adjustment mechanism, or any other mechanism chosen by the Brazilian government in the future, does not adequately reflect the true effect of inflation on our prices, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

#### ANATEL s proposal regarding the consolidation of prices could have an adverse effect on our results.

ANATEL has proposed new regulations on interconnection rules, some of which could have an adverse effect on our results. The public consultation period on ANATEL s proposal ended on October 18, 2004, but final regulations have not been promulgated except for the new General Regulation of Interconnection ( *Regulamento Geral de Interconexão* Resolution number 410/2005, or RGI), the Regulation of Separation and Allocation of Costs (Resolution number 396/2005) and the Regulation of Industrial Exploration of Dedicated Lines ( *Exploração Industrial de Linha Dedicada* Resolution number 402/2005, or EILD). The proposals that may adversely affect our results are (1) a proposal that two SMP providers controlled by the same economic group receive only one instead of two interconnection charges (VU-M) for calls originated and terminated in their networks, (2) a proposal for new negotiation rules for VU-M prices by which ANATEL would have a role in determining prices rather than the current, free-market negotiation of prices and (3) a proposal for VU-M price unification among SMP providers of the same economic group having significant market power according to criteria still to be defined. If these regulations take effect, they would have an adverse effect on our results of operations because (1) our interconnection charges would drop significantly, thereby reducing our revenues, (2) ANATEL may allow more favorable prices for economic groups without significant market power and (3) the prices we charge in some regions in which we operate are higher than those in some other regions, and consolidation of those prices, competitive pressures and other factors would reduce our average prices and thereby reduce our revenues.

ANATEL s Public Consultation number 642 of 2005 relates to alterations in the regulation of SMP. While counter arguments thereunder must have been sent to ANATEL before January 16, 2006, none have been made. In the proposed regulation, ANATEL notes areas of vital importance for mobile business, such as the necessity

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for retail stores in the cities within an operator s coverage areas, increases in the validity periods of prepaid cards; an extension of the period for blocking use by insolvent customers and a limiting of the period of time after which customers may leave service plans. We have presented our arguments to ANATEL against the proposals that may have adverse effects on our business. If these new regulations take effect, they may have adverse effects on our revenues and results of operations.

We face substantial competition that may reduce our market share and harm our financial performance.

There is substantial competition in the telecommunications industry. We not only compete with companies that provide SMP service and trunking but also with companies that provide fixed-line telecommunications and Internet access services, due to the trend towards the convergence and substitution of SMP services for these other services.

We expect competition to intensify as a result of the entrance of new competitors and the rapid development of new technologies, products and services. Our ability to compete successfully will depend on our marketing techniques and on our ability to anticipate and respond to various competitive factors affecting the industry, including new services that may be introduced, changes in consumer preferences, demographic trends, economic conditions and discount pricing strategies by our competitors. If we do not keep pace with technological advances, or if we fail to respond timely to changes in competitive factors in our industry, we could continue to lose market share and could suffer a decline in our revenue. Competition from other SMP communications service providers in the regions in which we operate has also affected, and may continue to affect, our financial results by causing, among other things, a decrease in our customer growth rate, decreases in prices and increases in selling expenses.

These factors have already contributed to a negative effect on our market share and our results of operations and could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations in the future. As a result of competitive pressures, for example, our market share decreased from 51.4% as of December 31, 2004 to 45.2% as of December 31, 2005, and our market share of net additions to our customer base decreased from 40.0% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 to 24.8% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005. In addition, our net additions of customers decreased 40.6% from the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 to the twelve months ended December 31, 2005. Similarly, the market share of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT in their authorized areas declined in the same period, and the market share of net additions to the customer base of these companies declined significantly. Net additions of customers of each of these companies also declined significantly from the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 to the twelve months ended December 31, 2005. In addition, our selling expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 grew at a significantly higher rate than our net operating revenue compared to the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, and similar trends existed at each of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT.

Recently, there has been consolidation in the Brazilian telecommunications market, and we believe this trend may continue. Consolidation may result in increased competitive pressures within our market. We may be unable to respond adequately to pricing pressures resulting from consolidation, which would adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In September 2004, Brasil Telecom, the fixed-line incumbent in nine states in Brazil and the Federal District (ANATEL s Region II), launched GSM operations in those states. Brasil Telecom s authorization area overlaps with TCO s in the Brazilian Federal District and in the states of Acre, Goias, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rondonia and Tocantins, overlaps with all of Global Telecom s authorization area (the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina) and overlaps with Celular CRT s authorization area. The entrance of Brasil Telecom into these markets will increase the competition that Global Telecom, Celular CRT and TCO face in some states. Brasil Telecom has announced that its marketing strategy will be the convergence between its fixed and mobile services, and it is the only company in those states that offers both fixed and cellular services. The entrance of Brasil Telecom into the cellular markets in these states will increase competition for Global Telecom, Celular CRT and TCO and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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Our results of operations have been negatively affected by a decrease in our customer growth and could also be affected if our rate of customer turnover increases.

Our rate of acquisition of new customers has declined significantly, primarily due to competition and increased market penetration. For example, our net additions of customers decreased 40.6% from the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 to the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 due to a decrease in the rate of addition of new prepaid customers to 1,530,000 new prepaid customers in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to 2,982,000 new prepaid customers in the comparable period of the prior year. This decrease in the rate of new additions of customers has negatively affected our results of operations and could continue to do so in the future. In addition, if our rate of customer turnover were to increase significantly, our results of operations and or competitive position could be adversely affected. Several factors in addition to competitive pressures could influence our rate of acquisition of new customers and our rate of customer turnover, including limited network coverage, lack of sufficient reliability of our services and economic conditions in Brazil.

The industry in which we conduct our business is subject to rapid technological changes and these changes could have a material adverse effect on our ability to provide competitive services.

The telecommunications industry is subject to rapid and significant technological changes. Our success depends, in part, on our ability to anticipate and adapt in a timely manner to technological changes. We expect that new products and technologies will emerge and that existing products and technologies will be further developed.

The advent of new products and technologies could have a variety of consequences for us. These new products and technologies may reduce the price of our services by providing lower-cost alternatives, or they may be superior to, and render obsolete, the products and services we offer and the technologies we use, requiring investment in new technology. The cost of upgrading our products and technology in order to continue to compete effectively could be significant, and our ability to fund the upgrading may depend on our ability to obtain additional financing.

Certain debt agreements of our subsidiaries, including TCO and its subsidiaries, contain financial covenants, and any default under such debt agreements may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and cash flows.

Certain existing debt agreements contain restrictions and covenants and require the maintenance or satisfaction of specified financial ratios and tests. After the Merger, the ability of our subsidiaries to meet these financial ratios and tests can be affected by events beyond our and their control, and we cannot assure you that they will meet those tests. Failure to meet or satisfy any of these covenants, financial ratios or financial tests could result in an event of default under these agreements. The existing debt agreements also contain cross-default provisions, so that in certain circumstances, if an event of default occurs under any subsidiary s agreement, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under all of such subsidiary s agreements to be immediately due and payable, enforce their interests against collateral pledged under the agreements and, in certain circumstances, restrict their ability to make additional borrowings.

#### Our controlling shareholders have a great deal of influence over our business.

As of December 31, 2005, *PT Móveis SGPS, S.A.* and *Telefónica Móviles, S.A.*, our principal shareholders, owned, directly and indirectly, approximately 92.5% of our common shares and 66.1% of our total capital. PT Móveis SGPS, S.A. is 100% controlled by *Portugal Telecom*, SGPS, S.A. See Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Major Shareholders. Due to their share ownership, our principal shareholders have the power to control us and our subsidiaries, including the power to elect our directors and officers and determine the outcome of any action requiring shareholder approval, including transactions with related parties, corporate reorganizations and the timing and payment of our dividends.

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In addition, *Portugal Telecom* and *Telefónica Móviles* share their participation in us equally. Any disagreement or dispute between them may have an impact on the decision-making capabilities of our management.

Brasilcel and its subsidiaries hold 89.03% of our common shares after the Merger (accounting for that 16,010 preferred shares of dissenting TCP shareholders, totaling R\$104,385.20, were purchased from the dissenters and will be sold back into the market, at our discretion, but in all cases within 6 months, as required by Brazilian law.

#### Improper use of our network can adversely affect our costs and results of operations.

We incur costs associated with the unauthorized use of our wireless networks, including administrative and capital costs associated with detecting, monitoring and reducing the incidence of fraud. Fraud also affects interconnection costs, capacity costs and payments to other carriers for non-billable fraudulent roaming. See Item 4.A Information on the Company Fraud Detection and Prevention of this annual report for more information regarding the improper use of our network and our efforts to prevent it. Improper use of our network can also increase our selling expenses if we have to increase our provision for doubtful accounts to reflect amounts we do not believe we can collect for improperly made calls. Our subsidiary TCO, for example, recently increased its provision for doubtful accounts more than TLE, TSD and Celular CRT because of previously undetected improper use of TCO s network. Any unexpected increase in the improper use of our network in the future could materially adversely affect our costs and results of operations.

The cellular industry, including us, may be harmed by reports suggesting that radio frequency emissions cause health problems and interfere with medical devices.

Media and other reports have suggested that radio frequency emissions from wireless handsets and base stations may cause health problems. If consumers harbor health-related concerns, they may be discouraged from using wireless handsets. These concerns could have an adverse effect on the wireless communications industry and, possibly, expose wireless providers, including us, to litigation. We cannot assure you that further medical research and studies will refute a link between the radio frequency emissions of wireless handsets and base stations and these health concerns. Government authorities could increase regulation of wireless handsets and base stations as a result of these health concerns or wireless companies, including us, could be held liable for costs or damages associated with these concerns, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operation. The expansion of our network may be affected by these perceived risks if we experience problems in finding new sites, which in turn may delay the expansion and may affect the quality of our services. On July 2, 2002, ANATEL published Resolution No. 303 that limits emission and exposure for fields with frequencies between 9 kHz and 300 GHz. In addition, the Brazilian government is developing specific legislation for the deployment of radio frequency transmission stations that will supersede the existing state and municipal laws. The new laws may create additional transmission regulations which, in turn, could have an adverse effect on our business.

### Our investment in Global Telecom S.A. has adversely affected, and is expected to continue to adversely affect, our financial performance.

Our investment in Global Telecom S.A. presents operational and financial risks. Global Telecom started operations in 1999, and its principal competitor in its concession area has been in operation for a longer period of time and has a larger market share in that area. Global Telecom has had substantial net losses of R\$270.6 million in 2005 (R\$180.3 million in 2004 and R\$436.0 million in 2003) resulting in significant part from indebtedness and increased expenses in connection with the rapid expansion of its network infrastructure and upgrading its marketing and commercial capabilities.

Our investment in Global Telecom S.A. is expected to continue to have a material effect on our financial condition and results because of the indebtedness we incurred to make the investment. Global Telecom (which began operations in December 1998) has reported net losses for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005.

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#### We face risks associated with litigation.

We and our subsidiaries are party to a number of lawsuits and other proceedings. An adverse outcome in, or any settlement of, these or other lawsuits could result in significant costs to us. In addition, our senior management may be required to devote substantial time to these lawsuits, which they could otherwise devote to our business. See Item 8 Financial Information Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information Legal Matters

In addition, pursuant to the Merger, we assumed the liabilities of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT, including the risks they face from litigation. TCP will assume the liabilities of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT and will assume all the risks relating to those liabilities. See Risks Relating to the Merger, below.

We may be required to record impairment charges relating to goodwill and long-lived assets in the future for purposes of U.S. GAAP.

For U.S. GAAP purposes, we are required to test our goodwill for impairment at least annually. The difference between the book value of a reporting unit under U.S. GAAP and its market value may indicate that an impairment exists. This impairment test is described in Note 36.d to our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements included in this prospectus. TCP, in particular, has substantial goodwill, including goodwill relating to TCO with a carrying value of R\$717.7 million as of December 31, 2005. We expect that we may be required to record impairment charges relating to our goodwill in future periods, and this would have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

In addition, we are required to record impairment charges on long-lived assets, including property, plant and equipment and finite-lived intangible assets (including concessions) if the carrying value of those assets exceeds their fair market value for purposes of U.S. GAAP. This annual impairment test is also described in Note 36.d to our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements included in this prospectus. When we performed our last impairment test, our evaluation of our ability to recover the carrying value of our long-lived assets was based upon projections of future operations that assumed a higher level of revenues and gross margin percentages than we have historically achieved. We may not be successful in achieving these improvements in our revenues and gross margin percentages due to the competitive environment, changes in technology or other factors. If we are unable to achieve these improvements, we may be required to record impairment charges relating to our long-lived assets in future periods, and this could have an adverse effect on our operations.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Securities**

# Holders of our preferred shares or ADSs may not receive any dividends.

According to Brazilian Corporate Law and our bylaws, we must generally pay dividends to all shareholders of at least 25% of our annual net income, as determined and adjusted under the Brazilian Corporate Law. These adjustments to net income for purposes of calculating the basis for dividends include allocations to various reserves that effectively reduce the amount available for the payment of dividends. However, we were unable to pay minimum dividends in for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 because we had net losses. In addition, according to Brazilian Corporate Law, we need not pay dividends to our shareholders in any particular fiscal year if our board of directors determines that such distributions would be inadvisable in light of our financial condition. See Part Six: Shareholder Rights Description of TCP Capital Stock Allocations of Profits.

Since we are a holding company, our income consists of distributions from our subsidiaries in the form of dividends or other advances and payments. We do not generate our own operating revenues, and we are dependent on dividends and other advances and payments for our cash flow, including to make any dividend payments or to make payments on our indebtedness.

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#### Exchange controls and restrictions on remittances abroad may adversely affect holders of our ADSs.

Brazilian law provides that whenever there is a significant imbalance in Brazil s balance of payments or a significant possibility that such imbalance will exist, the Brazilian government may impose temporary restrictions on the remittance to foreign investors of the proceeds of their investment in Brazil (as it did for approximately six months in 1989 and early 1990) and on the conversion of Brazilian currency into foreign currencies. These restrictions could hinder or prevent the Brazilian custodian of the preferred shares underlying the ADSs or holders who have exchanged the ADSs for the underlying preferred shares from converting dividends, distributions or the proceeds from any sale of such shares into U.S. dollars and remitting such U.S. dollars abroad. In such an event, the Brazilian custodian for our preferred shares will hold the *reais* that it cannot convert for the account of holders of the ADSs who have not been paid. Neither the custodian nor the depositary will be required to invest the *reais* or be liable for any interest.

#### Holders of our ADSs may face difficulties in serving process on or enforcing judgments against us and other persons.

We are organized under the laws of Brazil, and most of our directors and executive officers and our independent public accountants reside or are based in Brazil. Substantially all of our assets and those of these other persons are located in Brazil. As a result, it may not be possible for holders of the ADSs to effect service of process upon us or these other persons within the United States or other jurisdictions outside Brazil or to enforce against us or these other persons judgments obtained in the United States or other jurisdictions outside Brazil. Because judgments of U.S. courts for civil liabilities based upon the U.S. federal securities laws may only be enforced in Brazil if certain conditions are met, holders may face greater difficulties in protecting their interests in the case of actions by us or our directors or executive officers than would shareholders of a U.S. corporation.

### Actual or anticipated sales of a substantial number of our ADSs could decrease the market prices of our ADSs.

Sales of a substantial number of our preferred shares could negatively affect the market prices of our preferred shares and the ADSs. If, in the future, existing or future holders of preferred shares make substantial sales of shares, the market price of our preferred shares and, by extension, the ADSs may decrease significantly. As a result, holders of the ADSs may not be able to sell the ADSs at or above the price they paid for them.

#### The relative volatility and illiquidity of the Brazilian securities markets may adversely affect holders of our ADSs.

Investments in securities, such as the preferred shares or the ADSs, of issuers from emerging market countries, including Brazil, involves a higher degree of risk than investing in securities of issuers from more developed countries.

The Brazilian securities market is substantially smaller, less liquid, more concentrated and more volatile than major securities markets in the United States. There is also significantly greater concentration in the Brazilian securities market than in major securities markets in the United States. These features may substantially limit the ability to sell the preferred shares underlying the ADSs at a price and time at which holders wish to do so. The São Paulo Stock Exchange had a market capitalization of US\$482.1 billion as of December 31, 2005, and an average monthly trading volume of approximately US\$13.8 billion for the first twelve months of 2005.

In comparison, the NYSE had a domestic market capitalization of US\$13.3 trillion (excluding funds and non-U.S. companies) as of December 31, 2005. A liquid and active market may never develop for our common shares, preferred shares or the ADSs, and as result the ability of holders to sell at the desired price or time may be significantly hindered.

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Holders of our ADSs may face difficulties in protecting their interests because we are subject to different corporate rules and regulations as a Brazilian company and our shareholders may have fewer and less well-defined rights.

Holders of the ADSs are not direct shareholders of our company and are unable to enforce the rights of shareholders under our by-laws and the Brazilian Corporate Law. Our corporate affairs are governed by our bylaws and the Brazilian Corporate Law, which differ from the legal principles that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States, or elsewhere outside Brazil. The rights under Brazilian Corporate Law of a holder of our common shares or preferred shares to protect its interests with respect to actions by us or our directors or executive officers may be fewer and less well-defined than under the laws of those other jurisdictions. In addition, holders of the ADSs are not direct shareholders of our company and are unable to enforce the rights of shareholders under our bylaws and the Brazilian Corporate Law.

Although insider trading and price manipulation are crimes under Brazilian law, the Brazilian securities markets are not as highly regulated and supervised as the U.S. securities markets or the markets in some other jurisdictions. In addition, rules and policies against self-dealing or for preserving shareholder interests may be less well-defined and enforced in Brazil than in the United States and certain other countries, which may put holders of our common shares, preferred shares or ADSs at a potential disadvantage. In addition, the disclosure required of public companies in Brazil may be less complete or informative than that required of public companies in the United States or in certain other countries.

#### Our preferred shares and our ADSs generally do not have voting rights.

In accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law and our by-laws, holders of our preferred shares, and therefore of our ADSs, are not entitled to vote at meetings of our shareholders, except in limited circumstances. In accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law and our bylaws, holders of preferred shares will have full voting rights in the event that we do not pay minimum dividends to those shareholders for three consecutive fiscal years, and those shareholders will retain those voting rights until we again pay minimum dividends.

Because we did not pay minimum dividends for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, the holders of preferred shares have been able to exercise voting rights since the general shareholders meeting held in March 2004. However, once we again pay minimum dividends, those voting rights will cease. See Item 10.B. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Holders of our ADSs may find it difficult to exercise even their limited voting rights at our shareholders meetings.

Holders of our ADSs may exercise the limited voting rights with respect to our preferred shares represented by the ADSs only in accordance with the deposit agreement relating to the ADSs. There are practical limitations upon the ability of ADS holders to exercise their voting rights due to the additional steps involved in communicating with ADS holders. For example, we are required to publish a notice of our shareholders meetings in certain newspapers in Brazil. To the extent that holders of our preferred shares are entitled to vote at a shareholders meeting, they will be able to exercise their voting rights by attending the meeting in person or voting by proxy. By contrast, holders of the ADSs will receive notice of a shareholders meeting by mail from the depositary following our notice to the depositary requesting the depositary to do so, and they may not receive voting materials in time to instruct the depositary to vote the preferred shares underlying their ADSs. To exercise their voting rights, ADS holders must instruct the depositary on a timely basis. If voting instructions for all or part of the ADSs are not received timely by the depositary, the depositary will assume that the holders of those ADSs are instructing it to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to vote their ADSs, except in limited circumstances. In addition, the depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions of the holders of the ADSs or for the manner of carrying out those voting instructions. Accordingly, holders of the ADSs may not be able to exercise voting rights, and will have no recourse if the preferred shares underlying their ADSs are not voted as requested.

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You might be unable to exercise preemptive rights with respect to our preferred shares unless there is a current registration statement in effect that covers those rights or unless an exemption from registration applies.

You will not be able to exercise the preemptive rights relating to our preferred shares underlying any ADSs you own unless a registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, is effective with respect to those rights, or unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. We are not obligated to file a registration statement. Unless we file a registration statement or an exemption from registration applies, you may receive only the net proceeds from the sale of your preemptive rights by the depositary, or, if the preemptive rights cannot be sold, they will lapse and you will not receive any value for them. For more information on the exercise of your rights see Item 10. Additional Information.

#### An exchange of ADSs for preferred shares risks loss of certain foreign currency remittance and Brazilian tax advantages.

The ADSs benefit from the certificate of foreign capital registration, which permits The Bank of New York, as depositary, to convert dividends and other distributions with respect to preferred shares into foreign currency, and to remit the proceeds abroad. Holders of ADSs who exchange their ADSs for preferred shares will then be entitled to rely on the depositary s certificate of foreign capital registration for five business days from the date of exchange. Thereafter, they will not be able to remit non-Brazilian currency abroad unless they obtain their own certificate of foreign capital registration, or unless they qualify under Resolution 2,689 of the Central Bank of Brazil, dated January 26, 2000, known as Resolution 2,689 issued by BACEN, which entitles certain investors to buy and sell shares on Brazilian stock exchanges without obtaining separate certificates of registration.

If holders of ADSs do not qualify under Resolution 2,689, they will generally be subject to less favorable tax treatment on distributions with respect to our preferred shares. There can be no assurance that the depositary s certificate of registration or any certificate of foreign capital registration obtained by holders of ADSs will not be affected by future legislative or regulatory changes, or that additional Brazilian law restrictions applicable to their investment in the ADSs may not be imposed in the future.

#### Holders of our ADSs could be subject to Brazilian income tax on capital gains from sales of ADSs.

Brazilian Law No. 10,833, dated December 29, 2003, provides that gains on the disposition of assets located in Brazil by non-residents of Brazil, whether to other non-residents or to Brazilian residents, will be subject to Brazilian taxation. The common shares and preferred shares are expected to be treated as assets located in Brazil for purposes of the law, and gains on the disposition of common shares and preferred shares, even by non-residents of Brazil, are expected to be subject to Brazilian taxation. In addition, the ADSs may be treated as assets located in Brazil for purposes of the law, and therefore gains on the disposition of ADSs by non-residents of Brazil may also be subject to Brazilian taxation. Although the holders of ADSs outside Brazil may have grounds to assert that Law No. 10,833 does not apply to sales or other dispositions of ADSs, it is not possible to predict whether that understanding will ultimately prevail in the courts of Brazil, given the general and unclear scope of Law No. 10,833 and the absence of judicial court rulings in respect thereto. See Item 5. The Merger Material Tax Considerations Brazilian Tax Considerations.

#### Risks Relating to the Merger

As a result of the Merger, TCP assumed the liabilities of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT and assumed all the risks relating to those liabilities.

You should be aware that because TCP assumed the liabilities of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT as a result of the Merger of these targets with TCP, any existing known or unknown financial obligation, legal liability or other contingent liability or risk of each of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT became the responsibility of TCP. These

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liabilities could cause TCP to be required to make payments, incur charges or take other actions that could adversely affect TCP s financial position and results of operations and the price of TCP s securities. As a result, you should carefully consider the information about each of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT that is included in the sections on risk factors in Amendment No. 1 to the Form F-4 of TCP filed with the Commission on January 24, 2006 and in the Form 20-Fs of TLE and TSD filed with the Commission on April 15, 2005.

We are more leveraged than any of TCO, TSD or Celular CRT, and a significant portion of our cash flow will have to be used to service our obligations.

As of December 31, 2005, TCP, TCO, TSD and Celular CRT had R\$5,652.8 million of consolidated total debt on a pro forma basis, only R\$108.9 million of which was attributable to TCO, R\$317.0 million to TLE, R\$0 million to TSD and R\$142.7 million to Celular CRT. We are subject to the risks normally associated with significant amounts of debt, which could have important consequences to you. Our indebtedness could, among other things:

require us to use a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to pay our obligations, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, operations, capital expenditures, dividend payments, strategic acquisitions, expansion of our operations and other business activities;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

limit, along with financial and other restrictive covenants in our debt instruments, our ability to borrow additional funds or dispose of assets; and

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt.

We may also need to refinance all or a portion of our debt on or before maturity, and we may not be able to do this on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

There is no clear guidance under Brazilian law regarding the income tax consequences to investors resulting from the Merger.

There is no specific legislation, nor administrative or judicial precedent regarding the income tax consequences to investors resulting from the Merger. Based on the opinion of its external tax advisors, TCP believes that there are reasonable legal grounds to sustain that the receipt (resulting from the Merger) by a non-Brazilian holder of ADSs or by a U.S. person of common or preferred shares that are registered as foreign portfolio investments under Resolution 2,689/00 of the National Monetary Council or are registered as foreign direct investments under Law No. 4,131/62 would not be subject to income tax pursuant to Brazilian tax law. However, this position may not prevail, in which case TCP would be liable to the Brazilian tax authorities for withholding and collecting the taxable capital gains of shareholders resident abroad. While such shareholders would not be directly liable to Brazilian tax authorities, TCP would be entitled to reimbursements from them. Alternatively there could be a withholding tax of 15% on interest paid on shareholders equity that shareholders will receive pursuant to the Merger.

The capital gain arising from the disposition of TCP s shares registered as a direct foreign investment in Brazil could be calculated based on the historical amount in Brazilian currency of the investment, rather than the amount in foreign currency registered with the Central Bank of Brazil.

There is uncertainty concerning the currency to be used for the purposes of calculating the cost of acquisition of shares registered with the Central Bank of Brazil as a direct investment. Even though a recent precedent of a Brazilian administrative court supports the view that capital gains should be based on the positive difference between the cost of acquisition of the shares in the applicable foreign currency and the value of disposition of those shares in the same foreign currency, tax authorities are not bound by such precedents.

#### ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

# A. Our History and Development General

We are incorporated under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil under the name Vivo Participações S.A., known as Vivo (and prior to the Merger, under the name Telesp Celular Participações S.A., or TCP). We have the legal status of *a sociedade por ações*, or a stock corporation, operating under the Brazilian Corporate Law. Our principal executive offices are located at Avenida Doutor Chucri Zaidan, 860, 04583-110, São Paulo, SP, Brazil. Our telephone number is +55 11 5105-1182, our facsimile number is +55 11 5105-2247, and our website is *www.vivo.com.br*. The information on our website is not part of this Form 20-F. Our agent for service of process in the United States is CT Corporation System, located at 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

According to market share data published by ANATEL, we are a leading provider of cellular telecommunications services in Brazil through our subsidiaries Telesp Celular S.A., or Telesp Celular; Global Telecom S.A. or Global Telecom; Tele Centro Oeste S.A., or TCO; and the subsidiaries of Celular CRT Participações S.A., or Celular CRT; Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A., or TLE; and Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., or TSD;

The following chart shows our corporate structure as of December 31, 2005:

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#### Telebrás and the Privatization

TCP was created as a result of a restructuring of Telebrás in 1998. Before 1972, there were more than 900 telecommunications companies operating throughout Brazil. Between 1972 and 1975, Telebrás and its operating subsidiaries known as the predecessor companies, and collectively known as the Telebrás System, were created, acquiring almost all of the telecommunications companies in Brazil, and creating a near monopoly over the provision of public telecommunications services in Brazil.

In 1995, the federal government began a comprehensive reform of Brazil s telecommunications regulatory system. In July 1997, Brazil s national congress adopted the General Telecommunications Law, which provided for the establishment of a new regulatory framework, the introduction of competition and the privatization of the Telebrás System. In January 1998, in preparation for the restructuring and privatization of the Telebrás System, the cellular telecommunications operations of the Telebrás System were spun off into separate companies. In May 1998, the Telebrás System was restructured to form, in addition to Telebrás, twelve new holding companies. Virtually all of the predecessor companies assets and liabilities were allocated to the new holding companies, which we refer to as the new holding companies. TCP was one of the new holding companies. TCP was allocated all of the share capital held by Telebrás in Telesp Celular, one of the cellular operating companies that had provided cellular telecommunications service in the state of São Paulo since 1993. The Brazilian government s common shares of Telesp s capital stock were purchased by the Portugal Telecom group.

#### **Global Telecom**

Global Telecom is a B Band cellular concessionaire in the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina. Global Telecom began commercial operations in December 1998. In February 2001, we acquired an 81.61% indirect economic interest in Global Telecom for R\$902 million. On December 27, 2002, we acquired the remaining shares of Global Telecom for R\$290.3 million.

#### **Brasilcel**

TCP is controlled by Brasilcel N.V., or Brasilcel, with headquarters in the Netherlands, a joint venture between Portugal Telecom and Telefónica Móviles. Through the Vivo Companies, this joint venture controls 34.5% of the total market in Brazil, according to ANATEL, with 29.8 million customers as of December 31, 2005, according to market share data published by ANATEL. Its operations cover an area of approximately 136 million inhabitants, or 73.7% of the Brazilian population, and approximately 83.3% of its GDP. Portugal Telecom and Telefónica Móviles are managing the joint venture on an equal basis.

In December 2002, Portugal Telecom and Telefónica transferred to Brasilcel all of their direct and indirect interests in the following companies:

TCP

TCP controls an A Band operator in the state of São Paulo, Global Telecom, a B Band operator in the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A.

Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. ( TLE )

TLE, which controls A Band operations in the states of Bahia and Sergipe, was one of the operating subsidiaries of Telebrás that was spun off as an individual company in July 1998. It received all the capital stock held by Telebrás in the subsidiaries that provided cellular telecommunication services in the states of Bahia and Sergipe, namely, Telebahia Celular and Telergipe Celular.

TLE was purchased by a consortium formed by Iberdrola Investimentos Sociedade Unipessoal Ltda., an investment company controlled by Iberdrola S.A. and Telefónica Internacional S.A., a subsidiary of Telefónica. On May 17, 1999, Iberoleste Participações S.A. purchased 3.07% of Telebahia s capital stock and 6.54% of Telergipe s capital stock in a tender offer. In February 2000, Telefónica and

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Iberdrola transferred their shares to Iberoleste, maintaining their same percentage interest in the consortium. On April 5, 2001, Telefónica purchased all the capital stock directly and indirectly held by the Iberdrola Group in TLE.

Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. ( TSD )

TSD, which controls A Band operators in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo, was one of the operating subsidiaries of Telebrás that was spun off as an individual company in July 1998. TSD received all the capital stock held by Telebrás in the subsidiaries that provided cellular telecommunication services in the States of Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo, namely, Teleri Celular and Telest Celular, respectively.

TSD was purchased by a consortium of Telefónica Internacional S.A., Iberdrola Investimentos Sociedade Unipessoal Ltda., NTT Mobile Communications Network, Inc. and Itochu Corporation. In May 2000, Telefónica acquired 67.51% of TSD s capital stock through an exchange offer. On April 5, 2001, Telefónica purchased from the Iberdrola group, with the authorization of ANATEL, 7% of the capital stock of Sudestecel Participações S.A., a holding company that controlled TSD.

Celular CRT Participações S.A. ( Celular CRT )

Celular CRT controls an A Band operator in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. Cellular telecommunications services were first offered in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in December 1992 by a business unit of Celular CRT Companhia Riograndense de Telecomunicações. The fixed and cellular operations of Celular CRT were split on June 25, 1998, and the cellular operations were spun off as Celular CRT. On May 4, 1999, Celular CRT obtained its registration as a publicly-held company with the CVM for the trading of its shares on the over-the-counter market organized by Sociedade Operadora do Mercado de Ativos SOMA, starting on May 17, 1999. On September 8, 1999, Celular CRT registered with the Extremo Sul Stock Exchange and BOVESPA, pursuant to the applicable laws. The main shareholder of Celular CRT was the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

In 1996, the state of Rio Grande do Sul sold part of its stake in Celular CRT to Telefónica. In 1998, the remaining stake of the state of Rio Grande do Sul was sold to Telefónica. In 1999, Portugal Telecom subscribed a share capital increase of Celular CRT.

### **Acquisition of TCO**

On April 25, 2003, TCP acquired 64.03%, of the outstanding voting capital stock of TCO from Fixcel S.A. for approximately R\$1,505.6 million, corresponding to R\$19.48719845 per each lot of 1,000 shares acquired. TCO is an A Band operator providing cellular telecommunications services in the Federal District of Brazil, as well as in the Brazilian states of Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Rondônia, Acre and Tocantins. The agreement also included the acquisition of TCO s B Band subsidiary NBT, which provides cellular telecommunications service in the Brazilian states of Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Pará and Roraima. On May 25, 2003, in compliance with Brazilian legislation, we launched a tender offer for the common shares of TCO not owned by us. The acceptance period ended on November 18, 2003. As a result of the shares tendered, we acquired 74.2% of the outstanding available common shares at the price of R\$16.73 per 1,000 common shares. The total purchase price for the new shares amounted to R\$538.8 million. At December 31, 2003 we held 90.73% of TCO s ordinary shares, representing a 29.31% interest in TCO, excluding treasury stocks. We also announced the intention to launch an exchange offer for the remaining shares of TCO through which we would have become TCO s sole shareholder. This would have been followed by a merger of TCO into TCP. After the launch of the exchange offer, the CVM raised questions on to its compliance with Brazilian law. Although TCP and TCO believed, and believe, that the exchange offer complied with applicable law, TCP and TCO decided to terminate the exchange offer in January, 2004. See the sections TCO s Corporate Restructuring and Merger of the Vivo Companies, below, for more information on developments to TCO since we acquired it.

#### Introduction of the Vivo Brand

In April 2003, Brasilcel launched the brand name Vivo , under which TCP, TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT have been operating together ever since. The creation of the Vivo brand constituted a consolidation of the commercial models throughout the entire country into a common commercial strategy and replaced the different brands under which the different companies offered their services in their respective states. The commercial strategy of Vivo is to increase its customer base as well as revenues by retaining customers as well as maintaining their distribution channels. The launching of the Vivo brand was accompanied by loyalty programs and other measures designed to contribute to the success of the commercial strategy. Guided by a common management team, Vivo designs marketing, promotional and other initiatives common to all the companies and then tailors those activities to the particular markets of those companies.

#### TCO s Corporate Restructuring

On June 30, 2004, the management of TCP and TCO approved the corporate restructuring of TCO and its subsidiaries Telegoiás Celular S.A., Telems Celular S.A., Telems Celular S.A., Telemat Celular S.A., Teleacre Celular S.A. and Teleron Celular S.A. The reasons for restructuring were: (i) to effectuate an improvement in TCO s and its subsidiaries cash flow, resulting from the transfer of TCP s R\$511 million tax benefit to TCO, generated by the amortization of a goodwill in the amount of R\$1,503 million, originally paid upon the acquisition of TCO and its subsidiaries by TCP in 2003 and (ii) to effectuate a simplification of the corporate structure of TCO s subsidiaries, improving TCO s capitalization, benefiting the minority shareholders of TCO s subsidiaries.

#### VTO Voluntary Public Tender Offer

On October 8, 2004, Telesp Celular Participações concluded its public tender offer (VTO) for up to 84,252,534,000 preferred shares of TCO by TCP. The number of preferred shares tendered in the VTO exceeded the maximum number to be acquired by TCP. Due to a pro-rata allocation, TCP purchased 0.5547 preferred shares for each preferred share tendered by a TCP holder. After the VTO, on January 7, 2005, the number of TCO shares held by TCP represents 32.76% of the total preferred shares and 50.65% of the total capital stock of TCO. Also under the VTO, Avista Participações Ltda., a subsidiary of Brasilcel, purchased:

common shares of TLE representing 10.0% of TLE  $\,$ s total common shares and preferred shares of TLE representing 29.51% of TLE  $\,$ s total preferred shares;

common shares of TSD representing 3.27% of TSD  $\,$ s total common shares and preferred shares of TSD representing 4.89% of TSD s total preferred shares.

common shares of Celular CRT representing 4.48% of Celular CRT s total common shares and preferred shares of Celular CRT representing 23.44% of Celular CRT s total preferred shares.

#### **Rights Offering**

On November 8, 2004, TCP announced a capital increase of up to R\$2,053,895,871.47, upon private subscription, with an issuance of 410,779,174,294 new shares, of which 143,513,066,618 are common shares and 267,266,107,676 are preferred shares, for the issuance price of five *reais* (R\$5.00) per lot of one thousand shares, for both types of shares of the Company, identical in every aspect to those currently existing.

The capital increase was carried out in three subscription stages, with due regard to preemptive rights, and ended by an auction of the remaining shares held on January 4, 2005, which was confirmed by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on January 7, 2005, whereby the capital stock was increased to R\$6,427,557,341.20, represented by 1,582,563,526,803 shares, of which 552,896,931,154 are common shares and 1,029,666,595,649 are preferred shares. Following the rights offering, Brasilcel held 94.9% of our common shares, 50.0% of our preferred shares, and 65.7% of our total capital stock.

#### Brasilcel s Capital Increases of TLE, TSD, and Celular CRT

In July 2005, Brasilcel and its affiliates acquired additional voting capital stock of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT in respective capital increases. As a result of those transactions, Brasilcel held:

68.72% of TLE s common shares, 40.95% of TLE s preferred shares and 50.67% of TLE s total capital stock;

92.01% of TSD s common shares, 90.27% of TSD s preferred shares and 91.03% of TSD s total capital stock; and

90.57% of Celular CRT s common shares, 51.47% of Celular CRT s preferred shares and 68.77% of Celular CRT s total capital stock (excluding treasury shares).

#### Merger of the Vivo Companies

In February 2006, shareholders of the Vivo Companies approved their consolidation with one another through a Brazilian law procedure (the Merger ) whereby TCO became a wholly-owned subsidiary of TCP pursuant to a merger of shares (*incorporação de ações*) of TCO and a merger of companies (*incorporação de empresas*) of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT with and into TCP, with TCP as the surviving company. Holders of common shares, preferred shares or (where applicable) ADSs of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT received common shares, preferred shares or ADSs, respectively, of TCP upon approval of the Merger by the requisite percentage of the voting shareholders of TCP, on one hand, and of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT, as applicable, on the other hand. Upon the completion of the Merger, TCP was renamed Vivo Participações S.A. and has become the holding company of TCO and of the remaining subsidiaries of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT.

The boards of executive officers (*Conselhos de Administração*) of each of the constituent companies to the Merger completed their respective approval processes for the Merger by December 4, 2005 and their respective shareholders approved the transaction as of February 22, 2006. The reasons for the Merger were to align the interests of the shareholders of TCP, TCO, and TLE, TSD and Celular CRT, which were previously under common control; to improve the liquidity of the resultant securities; to simplify the shareholding and organizational structure of the Vivo companies and expand its shareholder base; and to take advantage of important synergies among the companies, which were already operating under the common Vivo brand.

Pursuant to the Merger, Brasilcel and its subsidiaries now hold 89.03% of TCP s common shares. Under the Protocol of Merger of Shares and Merger of Companies and Instrument of Justification, governing the Merger, TCP underwent a capital increase in the amount of R\$2,631,136,636.01 as a result of the Merger, from R\$6,670,152,498.26 to R\$9,301,289,134.27. The agreements also provided that Celular CRT s preferred shares held in treasury be transferred to TCP in connection with the Merger. At a TCP Shareholders Meeting held on February 22, 2006, TCP reduced its capital in the amount of R\$3,147,782,181.54, from R\$6,670,152,498.26 to R\$3,522,370,316.72, as approved by management and the shareholders and in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, which permits reductions in capital up to the amount of accumulated losses, which, in turn, allows a more accurate valuation of the company and opens a possibility for eventual future distributions of dividends. The total capital of TCP is R\$6,153,506,952.73 due to an increase in the amount of R\$2,631,136,636.01 as a result of the Merger. For more information on the Merger, see the Protocol of Merger of Shares and Merger of Companies and Instrument of Justification among Telesp Celular Participações S.A. and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. dated December 4, 2005, which is included as an exhibit to this report.

CVM regulations permit the acquiror of a publicly held company to capitalize the tax benefits arising from the amortization of goodwill generated in the acquisition of that company, so long as preemptive rights are extended to the other shareholders of the publicly held company in connection with the capital increase. At the time of the Merger, any rights previously held by TCP, in connection with its existing investment in TCO, or by certain

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controlling shareholders, in the case of TSD, TLE and Celular CRT, to capitalize credits of such companies will remain in effect. As a result, upon the Merger TCP retained its prior rights to capitalize its credits in TCO and such controlling shareholders acquired the right to use their credits in future capital increases of TCP.

## **Capital Expenditures**

The primary focus of our capital expenditure program has been, and continues to be, the improvement of the capacity of the services we currently offer and the provision of new services as well as the development of information systems.

The following tables set forth our total capital expenditures for the companies and periods indicated:

	Year ended December 3	31,	
	2005 2004	2003	
	(in millions of reais)		
ТСР			
Switching equipment	343.2 380.1	167.2	
Transmission equipment	589.8 450.7	232.8	
Information technology	386.2 285.8	157.4	
Others(1)	238.5 275.4	151.2	
Total capital expenditures	1,557.7 1,392.0	708.6	
	Year ended December 3	mber 31,	
	2005 2004	2003	
	(in millions of reais)		
Telesp Celular			
Switching equipment	216.2 175.9	131.0	
Transmission equipment	313.2 172.8	122.3	
Information Technology	360.4 251.5	101.9	
Others(1)	120.9 158.9	100.5	
Total capital expenditures	1,010.7 759.1	455.7	
	Year ended December 3 2005 2004 (in millions of reais)	31, 2003	
Global Telecom	,		
Switching equipment	25.4 47.5	10.3	
Transmission equipment	126.9 124.5	45.5	
Information Technology	6.4 15.7	16.8	
Others(1)	30.9 26.8	18.8	
Total capital expenditures	189.6 214.5	91.4	
	Year ended December 31, (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	Year ended December 31, 2005 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	
TCO	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	~~-	
Switching equipment	101.6 156.7	25.9	
Transmission equipment	149.7 153.4	65.0	
Information Technology	19.4 18.6	38.7	
Others(1)	86.7 89.7	31.9	

Total capital expenditures 357.4 418.4 161.5

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	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004 in millions of <i>reais</i> )	2003
TLE		•	
Switching equipment	29.9	39.2	12.2
Transmission equipment	56.8	27.7	16.5
Information technology	5.6	6.1	8.5
Others(1)	35.9	30.5	34.0
Total capital expenditures	128.2	103.5	71.2

	Y	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004 (in millions of <i>reai</i>	2003	
TSD				
Switching equipment	90.2	90.6	59.3	
Transmission equipment	112.8	64.8	161.0	
Information technology	11.6	•	3.4	
Others(1)	82.5	85.9	31.2	
Total capital expenditures	297.1	241.3	254.9	

	Year ended December 31,			
	2005	2004 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	2003	
Celular CRT				
Switching equipment	59.7	72.2	23.1	
Transmission equipment	119.3	84.5	101.9	
Information technology	4.2			
Others(1)	56.2	47.6	17.7	
Total capital expenditures	239.4	204.3	142.7	

<sup>(1)</sup> Consisting primarily of free handset rentals, network construction, furniture and fixtures, office equipment and store layouts. Our combined capital expenditure estimate for 2006 is approximately R\$1.1 billion including investments in network expansion, introduction of products and services that aim at maximizing the use of cellular telephony, besides seeking the constant improvement of the quality of services provided to our customers.

We intend to fund these capital expenditures mostly with cash generated from operations. See Item 5B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.

### B. Business Overview

According to data regarding market share published by ANATEL, we are among the leading providers of cellular telecommunications services in Brazil, with the help of our subsidiaries, Telesp Celular, Global Telecom and TCO, as well as that of the operations we acquired through the Merger from TLE, TSD and Celular CRT. Telesp Celular is the leading cellular operator in the state of São Paulo and in Brazil. Global Telecom is a cellular operator in the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina. TCO is the leading cellular operator in the states of Acre, Amazonas, Amapá, Distrito Federal, Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins. As of the Merger TLE was a leading provider of cellular telecommunications services in the states of Bahia and Sergipe through its subsidiaries Telebahia Celular S.A., or Telebahia, and Telergipe Celular, or Telergipe, which have become part of TCP pursuant to the Merger. As of the Merger, TSD was a

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leading provider of cellular telecommunications services in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo through its subsidiaries Telerj Celular S.A., or Telerj, and Telest Celular S.A., or Telest, which have become part of TCP pursuant to the Merger. Immediately prior to the Merger, Celular CRT Participações S.A. was a leading provider of cellular telecommunications services in the state of Rio Grande do Sul through its subsidiary Celular CRT S.A. part of TCP pursuant to the Merger.

Telesp Celular uses a frequency range known as A Band that covers 100% of the municipalities in its authorized areas in the state of São Paulo. At December 31, 2005, Telesp Celular had 10,476 million cellular lines in service, which represented a 13.5% increase from December 31, 2004, and a market share of approximately 49.2% in São Paulo.

Global Telecom uses a frequency range known as B Band that covers 59.0% of the municipalities in the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina and 92.3% of the population of Paraná and Santa Catarina. At December 31, 2005, Global Telecom had 2,910 million cellular lines in service, which represented a 12.8% net increase from December 31, 2004, and a market share of approximately 34.5% in those states.

Tele Centro Oeste Celular is the leading cellular operator, by number of customers, in its authorization area. TCO uses a frequency range known as A Band that covers 53.0% of the municipalities in the states of Acre, Distrito Federal, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rondônia and Tocantins, and 90.6% of the population of those states. Tele Centro Oeste Celular, through its subsidiary, NBT, also uses a frequency range known as B Band that covers 33.3% of the municipalities in the states of Amazonas, Amapá, Maranhão, Pará and Roraima, and 70.6% of the population of those states. At December 31, 2005, Tele Centro Oeste Celular had 6,815 million cellular lines in service, which represented a 17.1% net increase from December 31, 2004, and a market share of approximately 45.5% in those states.

Through the operations acquired from TLE, we provide mobile telecommunications services in TLE s areas on the A Band frequency range in an area with more than 15.9 million people, representing 8.6% of Brazil s population, and encompassing 16 metropolitan areas with populations in excess of 100,000 people. These operations cover 33.1% of the municipalities and 70.3% of the population in this area. As of December 31, 2005, TLE and its subsidiaries had 1.5 million cellular lines in service and a market share of approximately 31.8% in its authorized areas, estimated based on the total number of cellular lines in service in those areas as published by ANATEL.

Through the operations acquired from TSD, we provide mobile telecommunications services in TSD s areas on the A Band frequency range in an area covering approximately 89,774 square kilometers, representing approximately 1.1% of Brazil s territory. This area is home to more than 18.9 million people, representing 10.2% of Brazil s population. These operations cover 100% of the municipalities in this area. As of December 31, 2005, TSD and its subsidiaries had 4.7 million cellular lines in service and a market share of approximately 42.6% in its authorized areas, estimated based on the total number of cellular lines in service in those areas as published by ANATEL.

Through the operations acquired from Celular CRT, we provide mobile telecommunications services on the A Band frequency range in an area with more than 10.9 million people, representing 5.9% of Brazil s population. As of December 31, 2005, Celular CRT had 3.4 million cellular lines in service and a market share of approximately 48.3% in its authorized area, estimated based on the total number of cellular lines in service in that area as published by ANATEL.

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# **Our Operations**

The following tables set forth information of Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT cellular telecommunications base, coverage and related matters at the dates and for the years indicated.

Telesp Celular

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Cellular lines in service at year-end (in thousands)	10,476	9,232	7,495
Contract customers	1,779	1,603	1,475
Prepaid customers	8,696	7,629	6,020
Growth in cellular lines in service during year	13.5%	23.2%	23.7%
Churn(1)	18.7%	18.9%	22.7%
Estimated population of concession areas (in millions)(2)	39.7	39.1	38.0
Estimated covered population (in millions)(3)	39.7	38.5	37.4
Percentage of population covered(4)	100%	98.5%	98.5%
Penetration at year-end(5)	53.0%	42.7%	30.3%
Percentage of municipalities covered	100%	79.6%	76.7%
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	81	93.0	107
Market share(7)	49.2%	55.2%	63.4%
Global Telecom			

	Year ended December 31,		er 31,
	2005	2004	2003
Cellular lines in service at year-end (in thousands)	2,910	2,579	1,691
Contract customers	366	298	280
Prepaid customers	2,543	2,281	1,411
Growth in cellular lines in service during year	12.8%	52.5%	43.7%
Churn(1)	20.0%	13.7%	19.4%
Estimated population of concession areas (in millions)(2)	16.1	15.9	15.5
Estimated covered population (in millions)(3)	14.9	14.0	12.8
Percentage of population covered(4)	92.3	88.0%	82.8%
Penetration at year-end(5)	51.4%	39.8%	24.0%
Percentage of municipalities covered	59.0%	42.3%	28.6%
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	58	74	94
Market share(7)	34.5%	41.3%	45.0%
TCO			

	Year	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003	
Cellular lines in service at year-end (in thousands)	6,815	5,820	4,112	
Contract customers	970	945	950	
Prepaid customers	5,845	4,875	3,162	
Growth in cellular lines in service during year	17.1%	41.6%	34.1%	
Churn(1)	19.2%	23.4%	25.1%	
Estimated population of concession areas (in millions)(2)	33.8	33.0	31.8	
Estimated covered population (in millions)(3)	27.1	25.5	24.2	
Percentage of population covered(4)	80.4	77.2%	76.3%	
Penetration at year-end(5)	44.0%	34.8%	23.3%	

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Percentage of municipalities covered	44.7%	41.3%	49.2%
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	73	87	103
Market share(7)	45.5%	51.3%	55.6%

TLE

	Year e	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003	
Cellular lines in service at year-end	1,477	1,320	1,126	
Contract customers	323	292	291	
Prepaid customers	1,154	1,028	835	
Customer growth during the year	11.9%	17.3%	16.4%	
Churn(1)	33.6%	35.3%	34.3%	
Estimated population of region at year-end (million)(2)	15.8	15.6	15.3	
Estimated covered population at year-end (million)(3)	11.1	10.8	10.4	
Percentage of population covered at year-end(4)	70.3	69.3%	68.1%	
Penetration at year-end(5)	29.2%	0.2%	13.4%	
Percentage of municipalities covered	33.1	31.3%	30.6%	
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	89	89	106	
Estimated market share(7)	31.8%	42.3%	55.2%	
TSD				

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Cellular lines in service at year-end	4,740	4,376	3,709
Contract customers	1,476	1,259	1,156
Prepaid customers	3,264	3,117	2,552
Customer growth during the year	8.3%	18.0%	7.4%
Churn(1)	29.5%	31.3%	30.6%
Estimated population of Region at year-end (millions)(2)	18.8	18.6	18.1
Estimated covered population at year-end (millions)(3)	18.8	18.6	18.1
Percentage of population of Region covered at year-end(4)	100%	100%	100%
Penetration at year-end(5)	58.8%	49.1%	41.0%
Percentage of municipalities covered	100%	100%	100%
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	92	99	112
Market share(7)	42.6%	47.7%	49.6%
Celular CRT			

	Year ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Cellular lines in service at year-end (in thousands)	3,387	3,215	2,523
Contract customers	829	788	687
Prepaid customers	2,558	2,427	1,836
Growth in cellular lines in service during year	5.3%	27.4%	21.4%
Churn(1)	21.7%	19.5%	21.7%
Estimated population of concession areas (in millions)(2)	10.5	10.3	10.1
Estimated covered population (in millions)(3)	10.0	9.9	9.7
Percentage of population covered(4)	96.0%	95.6	95.5
Penetration at year-end(5)	65.6%	55.2%	40.7%
Percentage of municipalities covered	69.9	55.2	40.0
Average monthly minutes of use per customer(6)	68	80	81
Market share(7)	48.3%	54.8%	60.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Churn is the number of customers that leave us during the year, calculated as a percentage of the simple average of customers at the beginning and the end of the year.

- (2) Projections based on estimates of the Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística IBGE.
- (3) Number of people within our Region that can access our cellular telecommunications signal.
- (4) Percentage of the population in our Region that can access our cellular telecommunications signal.
- (5) Number of cellular lines in service in our Region, including those of our competitors, divided by the population of our Region.
- (6) Average monthly minutes of use per lines in service is the total minutes of calls received and made by our customers divided by the average of lines in service during the relevant year (includes roaming in and excludes roaming out).
- (7) Estimate based on all lines in service in our Region at year end.

#### **Our Services**

We provide cellular telecommunications services using both digital and analog technologies. Our network provides both CDMA digital service and AMPS, or analog services. We provide cellular telecommunications services in the frequency of 850 MHz using digital technology CDMA/TDMA and analog technology AMPS. All our services are provided in the frequency of 850 MHz.

We provide voice and ancillary services, including voicemail and voicemail notification, call forwarding, three-way calling, caller identification, short messaging, limitation on the number of used minutes, cellular chat room, and data service such as wireless application protocol service through which clients can access WAP sites and portals. We offer direct access to the Internet through either PCMCIA cards (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association, an organization consisting of some 500 companies that has developed standardized small, credit card-sized devices, called PC Cards) designed to connect compatible PDA s (Personal Digital Assistant, a handheld device that combines computing, telephone/fax, Internet and networking features) and laptops or cellular phones by cable connection that offers to corporate subscribers secure access to their intranet and office resources. We also offer some new services like Multimedia Message Service, MExE (Mobile Execution Environment) that enable the handset to download applications and execute them at the mobile and a user interface with icons at the handset to identify the main services, such as Voice Mail, Downloads and text messaging (SMS) for a friendlier access to our services.

In addition, in 2004 we launched:

Vivo Direto service this service allows users to make individual and group calls;

Vivo Encontra (LBS) a group of location based services, including Vivo Localiza, using GPSOne as a location technology a service that allows users to locate each other;

Vivo Aqui Perto a city-guide application;

Vivo Agenda (Synchronized Agenda) this service allows users to back up their contact lists and to recover any information lost in case of robbery or loss;

Vivo em Ação an alternative-reality game that encourages the client to use different ancillary services;

Vivo Avisa makes the client aware of calls missed when their phone is unavailable;

Olho Vivo (video monitoring) (launched in March 2004), this was the first monitoring application in Brazil. Subscribers can see real-time images of a webcam connected to a PC through their personal mobiles at a rate of 4 frames per second;

TV no Celular (video streaming) (launched in October 2004), this was the first application of streaming video in Brazil. Subscribers can see real-time audio and television images through their personal mobiles.

In addition, in 2005 we launched:

Vivo Play 3G multimedia service that leverages the 3rd generation CDMA EV-DO network to provide users with downloading and streaming of video content as cartoons, news, soccer, adult

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content, weather forecasts and sitcoms exclusively created for mobile phones. The service also offers users the option to download full track music to mobile phones;

Vivo Zap 3G a wireless broadband Internet access for computers and handhelds using PCMCIA cards or cell phones that achieves high data transfer rate up to 2.4 Mbps using the 3rd generation CDMA EV-DO network and giving users an experience similar to that achieved with wired broadband connections and with the advantage of mobility;

Smart Mail a Wireless PIM solution that enables real time access for corporate e-mail service or personal e-mail accounts through a PDA providing on-line e-mail notifications and calendar or contact synchronization;

World Phone using the same handset and number the World Phone allows Vivo subscribers to automatically roam over CDMA/GSM networks in more than 170 countries:

Instant Messenger the most popular Internet instant messenger application (MSN) available for Vivo handsets through WAP; and

MMS Interoperability interoperability agreements established with six main mobile operators in Brazil allowing Vivo subscribers to send and receive multimedia messages from other operators subscribers.

We offer roaming services through agreements with local cellular service providers throughout Brazil and other countries that allow our subscribers to make and receive calls while out of our concession areas. We also provide reciprocal roaming services to subscribers of those cellular service providers while they are in our concession areas.

# **Our Region**

Telesp Celular provides mobile telecommunications services on the A Band frequency range in the State of São Paulo, covering approximately 248,209 square kilometers, representing approximately 2.9% of Brazil s territory, or our Region. This area includes more than 40.7 million people, representing 22.0% of Brazil s population, and 63 municipalities with populations in excess of 100,000, including the City of São Paulo, Brazil s largest city, with more than ten million people.

Global Telecom provides mobile telecommunications services on a frequency range known as B Band in its authorization area, which encompasses the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina. This area is composed of 294,661 square kilometers, representing approximately 3.5% of Brazil s territory, with a population of approximately 16.2 million people, representing 8.8% of Brazil s population, and 22 municipalities with populations in excess of 100,000 people.

TCO provides mobile telecommunications services in Brazil s Federal District and in 11 Brazilian states: Federal District, Acre, Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul and Rondônia as a frequency range known as A Band and Pará, Amazonas, Amapá, Roraima, and Maranhão on a frequency range known as B Band. Both frequencies comprising altogether 5.8 million Km2 and 33.8 million people, representing 68.0% of Brazil s territory and 18.4% of Brazil s population, and 34 municipalities with populations in excess of 100,000 people.

As of the Merger, TLE provided, and since the Merger, Vivo provides, mobile telecommunications services on the A Band frequency range in the states of Bahia and Sergipe through its subsidiaries Telebahia Celular S.A., or Telebahia, and Telergipe Celular, or Telergipe. TLE s area encompassed 16 metropolitan areas with populations in excess of 100,000 people, with more than 15.9 million people total and representing 8.6% of Brazil s population. TLE covers 33.1% of the municipalities and 70.3% of the population in this area, which is composed of 86,603 square kilometers, representing approximately 6.9% of Brazil s territory.

As of the Merger, TSD provided and since the Merger, Vivo provides, mobile telecommunications services on the A Band frequency range in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo, over an area covering approximately 89,774 square kilometers, representing approximately 1.1% of Brazil s territory. This area is home to more than 18.9 million people, representing 10.2% of Brazil s population. TSD covers 100% of the municipalities and 96.8% of the population in this area.

As of the Merger, Celular CRT provided, and since the Merger, TCP provides, mobile telecommunications services on the A Band frequency range in the state of Rio Grande do Sul through its subsidiary Celular CRT S.A. Celular CRT s area covers 281,749 square kilometers, representing approximately 3.3% of Brazil s territory and more than 10.9 million people, representing 5.9% of Brazil s population.

The following tables set forth population, gross domestic product (GDP), and per capita income statistics for each state in our Regions at the dates and for the years indicated:

Telesp Celular

	At December 31, 2005		Year	ended December 31	, 2005
		GDP (in			
		Percent of	thousands	Percent of	Per capita
	Population	Brazil s	of	Brazil s	income (in
Area	(in thousands)(1)	population(1)	reais)(2)(3)	GDP(3)	reais)(2)(3)
São Paulo state	40,704	22.0%	630,711	32.6%	15,612

Global Telecom

	At December	oer 31, 2005 Year ended December 31, 2005			, 2005
		GDP (in			
	Population	Percent of Brazil s	thousands of	Percent of Brazil s	Per capita income (in
Area	(in thousands)(1)	population(1)	reais)(2)(3)	GDP(3)	reais)(2)(3)
Paraná state	10,315	5.6%	117,245	6.0%	11,435
Santa Catarina state	5,906	3.2%	74,606	3.9%	12,731
Our Region	16,221	8.8%	191,851	9.9%	11,907
TCO					

**At December 31, 2005** Year ended December 31, 2005 Area GDP (in Percent of thousands Percent of Per capita **Population** Brazil s Brazil s income (in of Subsidiary State (in thousands)(1) population(1) reais)(2)(3) GDP(3) reais)(2)(3) Telegoiás Goiás 5,677 3.1% 45,055 2.3% 8,028 Telegoiás **Tocantins** 1,317 0.7% 5,103 0.3% 3,914 Telemat Mato Grosso 2,826 1.5% 25,750 1.3% 9,198 Telems Mato Grosso do Sul 2,279 1.2% 22,086 1.1% 9,764 Telaron Rondônia 1,546 0.8% 10,485 0.5% 6,841 Teleacre Acre 652 0.4% 3,252 0.2% 5,049 NBT Amapá 604 0.3% 0.2% 6,437 3,818 Amazonas 3,291 NBT 1.8% 36,031 1.9% 11,082 **NBT** Maranhão 3.3% 16,439 0.8%2,696 6,138 **NBT** Pará 7,030 3.8% 36,750 1.9% 5,280 **NBT** Roraima 396 0.2% 2,142 0.1% 5,486 Telebrasília Federal District 2,355 1.3% 51,350 2.7% 22,043 Our Region 33,776 18.4% 258,260 13.3% 7,646

TLE

	At Decemb	At December 31, 2005		Year ended December 31, 20			
		Percent of		Percent of	Per capita		
	Population	Brazil s	(in thousands	Brazil s	income (in		
Area	(in thousands)(1)	population(1)	of reais)(2)(3)	GDP(3)	reais)(2)(3)		
Bahia state	13,881	7.5%	89,397	4.6%	6,472		
Sergipe state	1,982	1.1%	13,669	0.7%	6,955		
TLE Region	15,863	8.6%	103,066	5.3%	6,532		
TSD							

	At December	At December 31, 2005 Year ended December 31, 200			, 2005
	Population	Percent of Brazil s	Brazil s (in thousands Brazil s		Per capita income
Area	(in thousands)(1)	population(1)	of <i>reais</i> )(2)(3)	GDP(3)	(in reais)(2)(3)
Rio de Janeiro state	15,459	8.3%	244,878	12.6%	15,932
Espírito Santo state	3,432	1.9%	35,589	1.8%	10,454
TSD Region	18,891	10.2%	280,467	14.5%	14,938
Celular CRT					

	At December 31, 2005		Year ended December 31, 2005			
	Percent of GDP		Percent of GDP Percent of		Per capita	
	Population	Brazil s	(in thousands	Brazil s	income	
Area	(in thousands)(1)	population(1)	of <i>reais</i> )(2)(3)	GDP(3)	(in reais)(2)(3)	
Rio Grande do Sul state	10,895	5.9%	150,357	7.8%	13,875	

Source: Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística IBGE. We calculated the GDP for the states based on last available percentages published by IBGE in previous years.

- (1) Estimates from IBGE for the year end 2005.
- (2) Our estimates are expressed in nominal reais.
- (3) Nominal Brazilian GDP was R\$1,937,598 million as of December 2005 calculated by IBGE.

# Marketing and Sales

We closely follow the developments in the markets where we operate and constantly launch new promotions and advertising campaigns. A strong customer acquisition policy has been implemented across all the company s operators through aggressive mass sales promotions and segmented actions. Efforts to acquire new customers for prepaid and postpaid services have mostly been made through joint promotions designed to increase intranet traffic and stimulate the use of data services.

With the premise of keeping a sustainable customer base, the acquisition promotions have also been open to current customers who wished to change their cell phones. We are actively involved in a high-value customer loyalty program by offering aggressive discounts on cell phones through direct marketing actions.

As of December 31, 2005, TCP has 201 shops and kiosks in addition to an independent authorized service network, comprised of both exclusive and nonexclusive dealers, with 5,538 service points capable of selling services and cell phones. The credit recharges are available for customers in more than 147,585 sites. TLE s operations include 26 shops and kiosks, in addition to an independent authorized service network, comprised of both exclusive and nonexclusive dealers, with 424 service points capable of selling services and cell phones and credit

recharges available for customers in more than 16,725 sites. TSD s operations include 51 shops and kiosks, in addition to an independent authorized service network, comprised of both exclusive and nonexclusive dealers, with 884 service points capable of selling services and cell phones and credit recharges available for customers in more than 40,767 sites. Celular CRT s operations include 34 shops and kiosks, in addition to an independent authorized service network, comprised of both exclusive and nonexclusive dealers, with 1,111 service points capable of selling services and cell phones and credit recharges available for customers in more than 25,965 sites.

#### **Customer Service**

As part of the strategy for standardizing services provided by TCP operators to their customers, we have outsourced 100% of customer services while keeping full management control. These services are available on a 24-hour basis from our call center and our website.

# Satisfaction evaluation

Customer satisfaction is evaluated by regular satisfaction surveys. In 2005, 2,016 customers of TCP operating companies were interviewed all over the country about customer assistance, technical assistance, products and services. TCP s satisfaction mark was an average of 7.62 on a range from 1 to 10. Several actions have since been taken in order to increase our customer satisfaction, as an example, the technical manuals published on the call center s intranet were completely reworked to offer faster and more efficient responses.

#### Assistance to customer claims

TCP s staff is trained to assist and provide information to customers with respect to the services we provide. Vivo operating companies customer service, including TCP s, was ranked first in 2003 and 2004 in a survey entitled Companies that Most Respect Consumers, carried out by the IBRC (Brazilian Institute of Customer Relations), the results of which were published in the *Consumidor Moderno* (Modern Consumer) magazine.

#### **Our Network**

Before November 1998, our network used only AMPS analog technology. After the privatization, we began to use CDMA and TDMA digital technologies. Digitalization offers certain advantages, such as greater network capacity and additional revenue through the sale of value-added services. We continue to increase network capacity and coverage to improve our quality of service and to meet customer demand.

By December 31, 2005, Telesp Celular s telecommunications network, which provides both CDMA digital and AMPS analog services, covered 100% of the municipalities. Telesp Celular s network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased primarily from Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A., or Telesp, consisting of cellular switches, base stations and other network elements, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service, Home Location Registers, Signaling Transfer Point, PDSN and gateways. NEC do Brasil S.A., Nortel Networks Northern Telecom do Brasil, Motorola do Brasil Ltda., Lucent Technologies do Brasil, Ind. e Com. Ltda. and Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A. are Telesp Celular s main suppliers.

Global Telecom began its activities in December 1998 and offers services only through CDMA digital technology. As of December 31, 2005, Global Telecom s telecommunications network covered 59.0% of the municipalities, or 92.3% of the population, in its region. Global Telecom s network is primarily connected by a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased primarily from fixed operating companies (Brasil Telecom and Embratel) and Copel Companhia Paranaense de Energia S.A., consisting of cellular switches, base stations and other network elements, such as: voicemail, prepaid service, Home Location Registers, Signaling Transfer Points and gateways. Motorola do Brasil Ltda. and Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A. are Global Telecom s main suppliers.

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As of December 31, 2005, TCO and NBT provided CDMA Digital, TDMA digital and AMPS analog services covering 44.7% of the municipalities, or 80.4% of the population in its region. Our network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased from incumbent wire line companies, consisting of cellular switches, base-stations and other network elements, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service, Home Location Registers, Signaling Transfer Point and gateways. Nortel Networks Northern Telecom do Brasil, Motorola do Brasil Ltda. (presently Motorola Industrial Ltda. and Motorola Services Ltda.) and Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A. are TCO and NBT s principal suppliers.

As of December 31, 2005, TLE s network covered 33.1% of the municipalities, or 70.3% of the population, of its region. Its network provides both CDMA digital and AMPS analog services. The network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased primarily from Tele Norte Leste Participações S.A., or Telemar. It also includes cellular switches, base stations, and other communication devices, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service and Home Location Registers. NEC do Brasil S.A., Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A., Nortel Networks Northern Telecom do Brasil, Motorola Industrial Ltda., Motorola Services Ltda. and Lucent Technologies do Brasil, Ind. e Com. Ltda. are TLE s main suppliers.

As of December 31, 2005, TSD s cellular telecommunications network covered 100% of the municipalities in its area. Its network provides both CDMA digital and AMPS analog services. This network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased primarily from the incumbent wire line companies, consisting of cellular switches, base stations and other communication devices, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service, Home Location Registers, Signalling Transfer Point, PDSN and gateways. NEC do Brasil S.A., Nortel Networks Northern Telecom do Brasil and Lucent Technologies do Brasil, Ind. e Com. Ltda. are its principal suppliers.

As of December 31, 2005, Celular CRT s network, which provides CDMA and TDMA digital and AMPS analog services, covered 69.9% of the municipalities, or 95.9% of the population, of its region. Celular CRT s network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic and radio transmission system of its own and leased primarily from Brasil Telecom, consisting of cellular switches, base stations and other communication devices, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service, Home Location Registers and gateways. Nortel Networks Northern Telecom do Brasil and Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A. are CRT s principal suppliers.

Our advanced network management technology ensures global management and supervision of all our network processes and network performance. The network management centers are located in São Paulo and Brasilia. The network management center of São Paulo monitors the critical network operational parameters of Telesp Celular, Global Telecom and CRT. Likewise the network management center in Brasília monitors TCO, NBT, TLE and TSD s critical network operational parameters. These centers are able to identify abnormalities in both our network and in third-parties networks, using failure and signalling monitoring systems. In addition, quality and service standards are constantly monitored. The network management centers are integrated with maintenance and operations teams that maintain and operate cellular network elements, as well as cellular infrastructure and transmission, in addition to the radio network elements and computing bases, service platforms and communications backbones.

Our network is prepared to provide continuity of service for our customers in the event of network interruptions. We have developed contingency plans for potential catastrophes in our switching centers, power supply interruptions and security breaches.

Under our concessions, we are obligated to meet certain requirements for service quality and annual network expansion. See Item . Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry Obligations of Telecommunications Companies . We have already achieved all of our required network expansion obligations for 2005.

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# Sources of Revenue

We generate revenue from:

usage charges, which include measured service charges for calls and other similar charges;

interconnection charges (or network usage charges), which are amounts we charge other cellular and fixed-line service providers for the use of our network;

monthly subscription charges, which are not charged to our prepaid customers;

the sale of cellular handsets and accessories; and

other charges, including charges for call forwarding, call waiting, text messaging (SMS), call blocking and Data Services, such as WAP, downloads and MMS services, which are charged only when the customer s plan does not include these services.

Our rates are subject to approval by ANATEL. See Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry.

The table below sets forth total net operating revenues in each of our operating subsidiaries for the last three years (or, in the case of TCO, its total net operating revenues from its consolidation with TCP to year-end 2003):

Telesp Celular

	Year ended December 31,		er 31,
	2005	2004	2003
	(ın n	nillions of <i>red</i>	us)
Usage charges	2,494.5	2,265.3	2,248.3
Sales of handsets and accessories	1,243.7	1,209.5	1,070.0
Monthly subscription charges	51.4	77.6	82.4
Interconnection	1,841.1	1,913.7	1,686.3
Other	348.6	315.9	205.7
Total gross operating revenue	5,979.3	5,782.0	5,292.7
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(1,054.1)	(986.1)	(858.2)
Sales and services discount and return of goods sold	(544.2)	(466.7)	(441.3)
Net operating revenues	4,381.0	4,329.2	3,993.2

Global Telecom

Year ended December 31, 2005 2004 2003

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	(in m	nillions of <i>rec</i>	uis)
Usage charges	437.0	332.5	296.9
Sales of handsets and accessories	220.8	257.1	177.3
Monthly subscription charges	22.1	15.4	21.8
Interconnection	321.5	356.2	282.2
Other	102.6	62.7	32.6
Total gross operating revenue	1,104.0	1,023.9	810.8
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(207.2)	(179.5)	(132.7)
Sales and services discount and return of goods sold	(76.2)	(43.0)	(9.1)
Net operating revenues	820.6	801.4	669.0

TCO

	Year ended December 31, 2005 2004 200		per 31, 2003
	(in n	nillions of <i>re</i>	ais)
Usage charges	1,525.1	1,271.2	1,096.5
Sales of handsets and accessories	521.0	486.8	383.5
Monthly subscription charges	100.3	149.5	148.3
Interconnection	797.6	872.1	776.8
Other	227.6	170.1	82.2
Total gross operating revenue	3,171.6	2,949.7	2,487.3
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(681.9)	(610.8)	(482.8)
Sales and services discount and return of goods sold	(218.3)	(128.5)	(45.6)
Net operating revenues	2,271.4	2,210.4	1,958.9

TLE

	Year ended December 31,		er 31,
	2005	2004	2003
Usage charges	350.3	279.8	273.7
Handsets and accessories sales	193.6	155.4	106.4
Monthly subscription charges	31.4	39.9	38.4
Interconnection charges	203.6	202.5	181.1
Other	49.4	31.9	20.7
Total gross operating revenue	828.3	709.5	620.3
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(159.4)	(138.8)	(119.4)
Discounts granted and return of goods	(107.1)	(83.7)	(59.6)
Net operating revenues	561.8	487.0	441.3

TSD

	Year ended December 31,		ber 31,
	2005	2004	2003
Usage charges	1,455.5	1,119.1	1,077.5
Handsets and accessories sales	626.4	584.1	394.6
Monthly subscription charges	86.3	138.6	198.5
Interconnection charges	734.3	792.5	809.9
Other	137.7	69.5	46.0
Total gross operating revenue	3,040.2	2,703.8	2,526.5
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(667.8)	(553.3)	(511.4)
Discounts granted and return of goods	(294.5)	(223.5)	(122.6)

Net operating revenues 2,077.9 1,927.0 1,892.5

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Celular CRT

	Year ended December 31,		oer 31,
	2005	2004	2003
Usage charges	781.0	599.0	597.8
Handsets and accessories sales	246.2	291.7	221.2
Monthly subscription charges	105.4	89.9	104.1
Interconnection charges	406.3	453.9	416.9
Other	139.4	117.6	58.7
Total gross operating revenue	1,678.3	1,552.1	1,398.7
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(387.3)	(287.6)	(241.7)
Discounts granted and return of goods	(108.6)	(90.2)	(124.3)
Net operating revenues	1,182.4	1,174.3	1,032.7

### **Contract Customers**

Since October 1994, cellular telecommunications service in Brazil has been offered to customers on a calling party pays basis, under which customers pay only for calls that they originate. In addition, customers pay roaming charges on calls made or received outside their home registration area.

Customer charges are calculated based on the customer s calling plan, the location of the party called, the place from which the call originates and certain other factors, as described below. Our Region is divided into areas, called registration areas and designated for payment purposes, as follows:

Telesp Celular 9 areas in the state of São Paulo

TCO 18 areas, comprised of 9 areas in the Federal District of Brazil and the states of Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Rondônia, Acre and Tocantins and 9 areas in the states of Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Pará and Roraima (TCO s B Band subsidiary NBT).

Global Telecom 9 areas, comprised of 6 areas in the state of Paraná and 3 areas in the state of Santa Catarina.

TLE 6 areas, comprised of 5 areas in the state of Bahia and 1 area in the state of Sergipe

TSD 5 areas, comprised of 1 area in the metropolitan area of Rio de Janeiro, two areas in upstate Rio de Janeiro and two areas in the state of Espírito Santo

Celular CRT 4 areas in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

**Interconnection Charges** 

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We earn revenues from any call that originates from another cellular or fixed-line service provider network connecting one of our customers. We charge the service provider from whose network the call originates a network usage charge for every minute that our network is used in connection with the call. See Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Operating Agreements Interconnection Agreements. Tariff increases are subject to ANATEL s review and approval.

# Bill and Keep

ANATEL adopted partial Bill & Keep rules for interconnection charges in July 2003. The rules provide that companies under the SMP regime are not required to pay fees for the use of the local network of another SMP provider as long as customers use local service (i.e., make calls in the same registration area) and as long as there is a traffic balance between the providers. However, when traffic from the SMP provider that originates the

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call through the network of another SMP provider that terminates the call represents more than 55% of the total local traffic between the two providers, the SMP provider who originates the higher traffic through the other provider s network must pay to such other provider the local usage fee for the portion of the traffic that exceeds 55%. This rule remains in effect due to ANATEL s Resolution no 408, published in 2005, which maintains this partial bill and keep rule for compensation of interconnection among SMP networks. In the future, a cost model will be implemented and will define new standards for interconnection fees, which standards will reflect information provided in ANATEL Resolution number 396.

# Roaming Fees

We receive revenue pursuant to roaming agreements with other cellular service providers. When a customer of another cellular service provider makes a call within our area, that service provider pays us for the call at the applicable rate. Conversely, when one of our customers makes a cellular call outside of our Region, we must pay the charges associated with that call to the cellular service provider in whose Region the call originates. See Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Operating Agreements Roaming Agreements.

#### Handset Sales

We sell dual-mode (800MHz CDMA-1xRTT/AMPS and 800MHz CDMA/AMPS) and tri-mode (1900MHz CDMA and 800MHz CDMA/AMPS), CDMA only and dual technology (CDMA and GSM) cellular handsets and PCMCIA cards through our own stores and dealers. We are replacing our TDMA network with a CDMA network and we have stopped selling TDMA handsets. Although we still have some customers using analog service (approximately 0.3% of our total customer base at December 31, 2005), we have implemented a series of actions, such as providing discounts on digital handsets, discounts on monthly fees for digital services, digital handset rentals and free digital handsets to our high value customers, to encourage analog and TDMA customers to transfer to CDMA service. Our current suppliers for handsets are Motorola, LG, Samsung, Nokia Pantech, ZTE and Kyocera.

# **Operating Agreements**

We have an agreement with Telesp and both TCO and Global Telecom have agreements with Brasil Telecom to lease physical space, real estate, air conditioning, energy, security and cleaning services. We lease from Telesp and both TCO and Global Telecom lease from Brasil Telecom, transmission capacity necessary to complete the construction of our network infrastructure. We also have similar agreements with Embratel, Claro, TIM (National Agreements) and GVT (Regional Agreement).

# **Interconnection Agreements**

The terms of our interconnection agreements include provisions with respect to the number of connection points and traffic signals. See Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry Obligations of Telecommunications Companies and Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry Interconnection.

We believe that our subsidiaries have adequate interconnection agreements with all the fixed line operators they need to provide of their services. We also believe that our subsidiaries have all the necessary interconnection agreements with long-distance carriers.

# Roaming Agreements

We are a member of the Brazilian Roaming Committee, a group comprised of 21 companies providing cellular services in Brazil through either A or B bands. The Committee was created to standardize roaming services in Brazil and elsewhere. The roaming agreements require us and the other cellular service providers to provide service to roaming customers on the same basis that each member provides service to its own customers, and to carry out a monthly reconciliation of roaming customer usage charges.

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We offer automatic international roaming in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Dominican Republic and South Korea. Currently the markets of the United States, Mexico and Canada are offered to our customers through third-party partners, as well as Japan. Since 2000, we have provided international GSM services through the use of GSM handsets in most parts of Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

#### **Taxes on Telecommunications Services and Handset Sales**

The cost of telecommunications services and handset sales to customers incorporates a variety of taxes, including:

**ICMS**, *Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços*, or ICMS, is a state tax imposed at varying rates from 7% to 35% on certain revenues from the sale of goods and services, including telecommunications services.

**COFINS**, *Contribuição para Financiamento da Seguridade Social*, or COFINS, is a federal social contribution tax imposed on the gross operating revenue less discounts and returns. In December 2003, Law No. 10,833 was enacted, making such contribution noncumulative and increasing the rate from 3.0% to 7.60%, except in connection with telecommunication services, where the rate continues to be 3.0%.

**PIS**, *Programa de Integração Social*, or PIS, is a federal social contribution tax which corresponds to 1.65% of the gross operating revenue less discounts and returns, except in connection with telecommunication services, where the rate is 0.65%.

**FUST**, *Fundo de Universalização dos Serviços de Telecomunicações*, or FUST, is a federal social contribution which corresponds to 1% of the net revenue generated by telecommunications services (other than interconnection charges). The purpose of the FUST is to fund a portion of the costs incurred by telecommunication service providers to meet the universal service targets required by ANATEL, in case the service providers are unable to fund, in whole or in part, such costs.

**FUNTTEL**, *Fundo para Desenvolvimento Tecnológico das Telecomunicações*, or FUNTTEL, is a federal social contribution which corresponds to 0.5% of the net revenue generated by telecommunications services (other than interconnection charges). The purpose of FUNTTEL is to promote the development of telecommunications technology in Brazil and to improve competition.

**FISTEL**, *Fundo de Fiscalização das Telecomunicações*, or FISTEL, is a federal tax applicable to telecommunications transmission equipment. The purpose of FISTEL is to provide financial resources for the Brazilian federal government to control and inspect the industry. This tax is divided in two parts: *Taxa de Fiscalização de Funcionamento* and *Taxa de Fiscalização de Instalação. Taxa de Fiscalização de Funcionamento* is based on the total number of customers at the end of the previous fiscal year. *Taxa de Fiscalização de Instalação* is based on (i) the net monthly additions (new customers less churn) and (ii) the total number of radio base stations.

# **Billing and Collection**

Per ANATEL s requirements, customers must receive a billing at least five days before their closing dates. Customers have the option of choosing their closing date, direct withdrawal for payments and other options for differentiated payments. We also introduced a new system of invoicing, for which customers can receive and pay accounts over the Internet.

We have a uniform policy dealing with accounts of customers in default. If payment is more than 15 days late, service is partially suspended and if payment is more than 40 days late, service is fully suspended until payment is made. We offer an installment payment plan for those with past due balances. However, if accounts are not paid after 90 days, they are cancelled as bad debt and directed to Serasa. After 105 days of default, accounts are directed to independent agencies for collection and the Consumer Protection Service (TC and TSD are currently completing

entering into the relevant contracts). We write off accounts more than 180 days late. In 2005 we wrote off R\$96.6 million for Cellular Telesp, R\$64.1 million for TCO, R\$38.3 million for GT, R\$15.8 million for TLE, R\$20.2 million for TSD and R\$24.2 million for CRT. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Operating Results Results of Operations for 2005, 2004 and 2003 Operating Expenses.

We receive roaming fees from other cellular service providers when their subscribers make cellular calls while within our Region, and pay roaming fees to other cellular service providers when our subscribers make cellular calls while outside of our Region. See Item 4.A. Information on the Company Business Overview Sources of Revenue Roaming Fees. We receive network usage fees from other service providers when their subscribers make calls that terminate on a cellular telephone within our Region, and we pay network usage fees when our subscribers make calls that terminate on the network of another service provider. See Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Sources of Revenue Interconnection Charges. At the end of each month, our company and the other service providers reconcile the amounts owed between them and settle on a net basis. For international and domestic long-distance calls made by its subscribers, our company forwards the amount registered on account of such calls to a clearinghouse operated by *Embratel Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A* and charges the carriers a fee for the use of its cellular telecommunications network.

#### **Fraud Detection and Prevention**

We incur costs associated with the unauthorized use of our wireless networks, particularly our analog cellular networks. These costs include administrative and capital costs associated with detecting, monitoring and reducing the incidence of fraud. Fraud also affects interconnection costs, capacity costs, administrative costs and payments to other carriers for non-billable fraudulent roaming.

During the second half of 2005, we suffered an attack from unauthorized lines that were being used over non-secure network services provided by other mobile carriers in regions we do not cover (roaming calls). Our fraud detection systems were not prepared to detect fraud in these analog roaming calls, which allowed non-bona fide customers to place roaming calls that were not only undetected but also impossible to be charged by us through our billing systems. During the last few months of 2005, we implemented a solution that reduced our exposure to such illicit use of our lines, in an attempt to bring it back down to normal levels. In all cases, we are attempting to transfer the significant costs we have incurred in connection with this attack back to the carriers from where the calls were originated.

The two most prevalent types of fraud are cloning fraud and subscription fraud. Cloning is a fraud that consists of duplicating the cellular signal of a bona fide customer, enabling the perpetrator of the fraud to make calls using the customer s signal. We ultimately bear the costs of all fraudulent calls originating from our cell phone base. We have installed a fraud detection system that analyzes various aspects of customers usage in order to detect cloning fraud. In addition, the introduction of digital service with an authentication process for all calls will significantly reduce the incidence of cloning fraud.

Subscription fraud occurs when a person, typically using false or stolen documents, obtains cellular telecommunications service, and then incurs substantial charges that are billed to a customer who does not exist or who did not request the service. Nevertheless, it is difficult for us to control this type of fraud because of ANATEL s application of Rule 05/78, which prohibits the suspension of service prior to any account being 15 days past due. We may, however, suspend service when the subscription is under suspicion one and fraud has been confirmed by means of specific procedures. In such cases, the rules imposed by ANATEL do not prevent the suspension of service.

In order to safeguard ourselves against these fraudulent activities, we review documentation provided by customers and conduct a credit check prior to initiating service. We use credit bureaus to enhance our reviews.

We have implemented certain detection and prevention measures to reduce fraud related losses, including the automatic review of call detail records in the state of São Paulo, Paraná and Santa Catarina to identify

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abnormal calling patterns. Fraud prevention measures include restrictions on international calls from a given number, restrictions on international calls to certain high-risk destinations, automatic blocking of calls to certain high risk destinations and restrictions on three way calling by customers with international direct dial access.

We have installed, and are a part of, a nationwide fraud detection system. This system aids in fraud detection in various ways, including identifying simultaneous usage by a single customer, call frequency and unusually high usage patterns. We are able to monitor telecommunication usage by our customers even when they are located outside of our areas.

## Competition

We face intense competition in all the areas in which we operate, principally from other cellular service providers and also from fixed line operators. Many of these competitors are part of large, national or multinational groups and therefore have access to financing, new technologies and other benefits that derives from being owned by such a group. Fixed line operators generally charge much lower tariffs than cellular service providers.

TCP s principal cellular competitor is: Claro, which operates in the state of São Paulo. The main fixed line operator in its area is *Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A. Telesp*, known as *Telefónica*.

Global Telecom s principal cellular competitor is: *Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A*, or *TIM Sul*. The main fixed line operator in its area is Brasil Telecom S.A.

TCO s principal cellular competitors are: Claro (Americel S.A.), in the region encompassing the states of Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goiás, Tocantins, Rondônia and Acre and the Federal District, and *Amazônia Celular S.A.*, in the region encompassing the states of Amazonas, Roraima, Pará, Amapá and Maranhão. The main fixed line operators in its area are: Brasil Telecom S.A., in the region encompassing the states of Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Goiás, Tocantins, Rondônia and Acre and the Federal District, and *Telemar Norte Leste S.A. Telemar*, in the region encompassing the states of Amazonas, Roraima, Pará, Amapá and Maranhão. Other competitors are Oi (Telemar mobile operator) and TIM.

In TLE s service areas, our principal cellular competitor is Oi (TNL PCS S.A.). Other cellular competitors are TIM (Maxitel S.A.), which also operates in the state of Minas Gerais, and Claro (Stemar Telecomunicações Ltda.). The principal fixed-line competitor in this area is Telemar Norte Leste S.A.

In TSD s service areas, our principal cellular competitor is Claro (Algar Telecom Leste S.A. or ATL), which operates in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo. ATL is controlled by a consortium led by the Telecom Américas Ltd. (controlled by América Móvil S.A. de C.V.). ATL began providing cellular telecommunications services in this Region at the end of 1998. The rights and obligations under ATL s license are substantially identical to our rights and obligations. Although ATL provides only digital service, its customers use TDMA dual mode cellular handsets that can operate on an analog network and GSM handsets. Telecom Américas launched a new trademark, known as Claro. The principal fixed line operator in its area is Telemar Norte Leste S.A. Oi is the third competitor and is integrated with Telemar (a fixed line operator).

In Celular CRT s service areas, our principal cellular competitor is Claro (Telet S.A.), which operates in several regions in Brazil, including Celular CRT s region. Other cellular competitors are Brasil Telecom S.A. and TIM. The main fixed line competitor in its area is Brasil Telecom.

We also compete with certain other wireless telecommunications services, such as mobile radio (including digital trunking technology, offered by Nextel), paging and beeper services, which are used by some in our areas as a substitute for cellular telecommunications services. These competing wireless telecommunications services are generally less expensive than mobile telecommunication services.

Satellite-operated services, which provide nationwide coverage, are also available in Brazil. Although these services have the advantage of covering much larger areas than those covered by the cellular telecommunications services, they are considerably more expensive than the cellular telecommunications services we offer and do not provide competitive coverage inside buildings. Currently, our company does not plan to offer satellite-operated mobile services (other than those included in the roaming contracts entered into with providers of satellite services), though we may offer such services in the future.

There can be no assurance that the entry of new competitors will not have significantly adverse effects on our business, financial condition, or the results of our operations or prospects. Any adverse effects on our market share, which results from pressures originating from competition, will depend on several factors which cannot be assessed with precision and which are therefore beyond our control. Among such factors are the identity of the competitors, their strategy and ability to conduct business, market conditions prevailing at the time, rules applicable to the new market participants and to us, as well as the effectiveness of our efforts to prepare for and to face the strong competition. There may also be competitors with higher technical capacity and more resources than ours.

# Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry

#### General

Our business, the services we provide and the prices we charge are subject to regulation under the General Telecommunications Law and various administrative enactments, which regulate the services provided by Brazilian telecommunications operators.

ANATEL is the agency that regulates telecommunications under the General Telecommunications Law and the July 2001 Regulamento da Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações, known as the ANATEL Decree. ANATEL is financially and administratively independent of the Brazilian government. However, ANATEL maintains a close relationship with the Ministry of Communications. Any regulation proposed by ANATEL is subject to a period of public comment, which may include a public hearing. ANATEL s actions can be challenged in the Brazilian courts. On November 25, 1998, ANATEL enacted Resolution 73 Regulation of Telecommunication Services, which regulates in detail the new comprehensive framework for the provision of telecommunications services in Brazil established by the General Telecommunications Law.

### **Concessions and Authorizations**

Before January 2000, ANATEL had only authorized two mobile service providers in each of the ten franchise areas under A Band and B Band. A Band and B Band mobile service providers were granted concessions pursuant to the *Lei Mínima*, or the Minimum Law. Each concession is a specific grant of authority to supply cellular telecommunications services, subject to certain requirements contained in the applicable list of obligations appended to each concession. If a mobile service provider wishes to offer any telecommunications service other than those authorized by its concession, it may apply to ANATEL for an authorization to offer such other services.

In accordance with the General Telecommunications Law, a concession relates to the provision of telecommunication services under the public regime, as determined by the public administration. A concession may only be granted upon a prior auction bidding process. As a result, regulatory provisions are included in the relevant concession agreements and the concessionaire is subject to public service principles of continuity, changeability and equal treatment of customers. In addition, ANATEL is empowered to direct and control the performance of the services, to apply penalties and to declare the expiration of the concession and the return of assets of the concessionaire to the government authority upon termination of the concession. Another distinctive feature is the right of the concessionaire to maintain certain economic and financial standards. The concession is granted for a fixed period of time and is generally renewable only once.

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An authorization is a permission granted by the public administration under the private regime, which may or may not be granted upon a prior auction bidding process, to the extent that the authorized party complies with the objective and subjective conditions deemed necessary for the rendering of the relevant type of telecommunication service in the private regime. The authorization is granted for an indeterminate period of time. Under an authorization, the government does not guarantee to the authorized company the economic-financial equilibrium, as is the case under concessions.

# **SMP Regulation**

In November 2000, ANATEL adopted certain regulations for the issuance of new licenses, which are authorizations to provide wireless communication services through SMP, personal mobile service, to compete with the then existing cellular operators in the various regions of Brazil. These regulations divided Brazil into three main regions covering the same geographic area as the concessions for the fixed-line telecommunication services. ANATEL organized auctions for three new licenses for each of those regions. The new licenses provided that the new services would be operated in the 1,800 MHz radio frequency bands, and they were denominated C Band, D Band and E Band. These new licenses were auctioned by ANATEL and awarded during the first quarter of 2001, at the end of 2002 and in September of 2004.

Under these new licenses:

services are to be provided using the 1,800 MHz frequency;

each operator may optionally provide domestic and international long-distance services in its licensed area;

existing cellular service providers, as long as they do not have partnerships with fixed-line operators, as well as new entrants into the Brazilian telecommunications market can bid for C Band, D Band and E Band licenses. However, fixed-line operators, their controlling shareholders and affiliated cellular providers can only bid for D Band and E Band licenses;

a cellular operator, or its respective controlling shareholders, may not have geographical overlap between licenses; and

current A Band and B Band cellular service providers can apply for an extra frequency range. Pursuant to the SMP services regulation each of the three main regions is divided into registration areas, or tariff areas.

On February 3, 2003, TCO chose to replace its SMC Concession Contracts for Personal Mobile Service Agreements (*Termos de Autorização do Serviço Móvel Pessoal*, or SMP) in Regions I (sub-range of B frequencies) and II (sub-range of A frequencies) of the General Granting Plan (*Plano Geral de Outorgas*, or PGO). In addition, Telesp Celular, Telerj Celular, Telest Celular, Telebahia Celular, Telergipe Celular, Celular CRT, Global Telecom, Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações, Telegóias Celular, Telemat Celular, Telems Celular, Teleron Celular, Teleacre Celular and Norte Brasil Telecom hold a national and international authorization for Multimedia Communication Services (*Serviços de Comunicação Multimídia*, or SCM).

In order to transfer our services to SMP, we were required to comply with several technical and operational conditions, including, among others, the adoption of a carrier selection code for long-distance calls originating from our network. Under the General Telecommunications Law, all mobile telecommunications service providers must provide interconnection upon the request of any other mobile or fixed-line telecommunications service provider. Until June 30, 2004, SMP service providers could opt to establish a price cap or freely negotiate their interconnection charges. The conditions of the network usage fee negotiation are regulated by ANATEL. Thereafter, the terms and conditions of the interconnection have been freely negotiated between wireless and fixed-line operators, effective as of 2005, subject to compliance with regulations established by ANATEL. ANATEL submitted to public consultation new regulations on interconnection rules. The public consultation

period ended on October 18, 2004 and we presented our arguments against some of the proposals that may have adverse effect on our results. Of these proposals, ANATEL only published the new General Regulation of Interconnection ( *Regulamento Geral de Interconexão* Resolution number 410/2005, or RGI), the Regulation of Separation and Allocation of Costs (Resolution number 396/2005) and the Regulation of Industrial Exploration of Dedicated Line ( *Exploração Industrial de Linha Dedicada* Resolution number 402/2005, EILD). The proposal for new regulation of compensation for mobile network interconnection (VU-M) is still not published. If new VU-M regulation takes effect, it may negatively affect our revenues and results of operations.

ANATEL s Public Consultation number 642 of 2005 relates to alterations in the regulation of SMP. While counter-arguments thereunder must have been sent to ANATEL before January 16, 2006, none have been made. In the proposed regulation, ANATEL notes areas of vital importance for mobile business, such as the necessity for retail stores in the cities within an operator s coverage areas, increases in the validity periods of prepaid cards; an extension of the period for blocking use by insolvent customers and limits on the period of time after which customers may leave service plans. We have presented our arguments to ANATEL against the proposals that may have adverse effects on our business. If these new regulations take effect, they may have an adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

If the parties cannot reach an agreement on the terms of interconnection, including with respect to the interconnection tariff, ANATEL will act as the final arbiter. Because ANATEL considers us to be affiliated with Telefónica, which already provides wireline long-distance services in the state of São Paulo and was awarded a license to provide these services nationwide, ANATEL will not award a wireline long-distance license to us. Though we and other mobile operators have requested that ANATEL revise the current SMP regime, there can be no assurance it will do so. Under the SMP regime, we will receive revenues from interconnection fees paid to us by wireline long-distance operators due to long-distance traffic originating and terminating on our network.

The authorizations consist of two licenses one to provide mobile telecommunications services, and another to use the frequency spectrum for a period of 15 years. The frequency license is renewable for another 15-year period upon the payment of an additional license fee.

# Benefit of the SMP System

According to the General Telecommunications Law and Decree No. 2056/96, control of the concessionaire can only be transferred after five years from the date of the privatization in the case of A Band concessionaires or the commencement of services in the case of B Band concessionaires. On the other hand, under the SMP system, the authorization or control of the authorized party can be transferred through merger of the relevant cellular mobile service provider, whether it is providing services under the A Band or the B Band.

# **Obligations of Telecommunications Companies**

As a telecommunications service provider, we are subject to regulations concerning quality of service and network expansion, as established in our authorizations and our original concession agreements.

Any breach by the companies of telecommunications legislation or of any obligation set forth in their authorizations may result in a fine of up to R\$50 million.

The concessions of Telesp Celular s, Global Telecom s, Tele Centro Oeste Participações, Telegoiás Celular, Telemat Celular, Telema Celular, Teleron Celular, Teleron Celular, Telest Celular,

#### Interconnection

Under the General Telecommunications Law, telecommunications service providers are classified as providers of either collective or restricted services. All cellular operators, including SMP service providers, are classified by ANATEL as collective service providers. All providers of collective services are required to provide interconnection upon request to any other collective service provider. The terms and conditions of interconnection are freely negotiated between parties, subject to price caps and other rules established by ANATEL. Providers must enter into interconnection agreements, regarding, among other things, tariffs, commercial conditions and technical issues, with all requesting parties on a non-discriminatory basis. If the parties cannot agree upon the terms and conditions of interconnection, ANATEL may determine terms and conditions by arbitration.

Starting in 2005, in order to have a more homogeneous system and to accelerate the negotiations of interconnection contracts, ANATEL required a standard interconnection network from STFC and SMP Operators through an offer made publicly and equitably.

Interconnection agreements must be approved by ANATEL and may be rejected if they are contrary to the principles of free competition and the applicable regulations.

# Rate Regulation

With respect to our Basic Plan and certain roaming charges incurred in connection with alternative service plans, our authorizations continue to provide for a price cap mechanism to set and adjust rates on an annual basis. The cap is a maximum weighted average price for a package of services. The package consists of the services in our Basic Plan, including monthly subscription fees, and certain roaming charges, which are charged for the use of mobile services under the SMP regime. The price cap is revised annually to reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the IGP DI. However, mobile operators are able to freely set the rates for alternative service plans.

The initial price cap agreed to by ANATEL and us in our authorizations had been based on the previously existing or bidding prices, and was adjusted annually on the basis of a formula contained in our authorizations. The price cap has been revised to reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the IGP DI.

Other telecommunications companies that interconnect with and use our network must pay certain fees, primarily an interconnection fee. The interconnection fee is a flat fee charged per minute of use. The interconnection fee charged by us and other A and B Band service providers was subject to a price cap stipulated by ANATEL. This price cap was valid until June 30, 2004 and, thereafter, the terms and conditions of the interconnection are freely negotiated among the operators, effective as of 2005, subject to ANATEL regulations. In 2005, ANATEL began permitting free negotiations for mobile interconnection, or VU-M, fees and by July, 2005, local-fixed concessionaires and mobile operators had reached a provisional agreement in respect of VU-M fees for local calls, or VC-1 (the agreement guaranteed a 4.5% increase in fees). ANATEL approved that provisional agreement and in March, 2006, approved another provisional agreement for VU-M fees for long-distance calls, or VC-2 and VC-3. ANATEL is currently studying a new model to determine values for interconnection fees and is expected to have completed such model by mid-2007. This model is expected to set fees according to respective costs of current market participants.

See Item 4.B Business Overview Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry SMP Regulation for more information on the status of this agreement.

# Internet and Related Services in Brazil

In Brazil, Internet service providers, or ISPs, are deemed to be suppliers of value-added services and not telecommunications service providers. ANATEL s Resolution 190 requires cable operators to act as carriers of third-party Internet service providers. The Brazilian House of Representatives is considering a law that would

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penalize Internet service providers for knowingly providing services that allow illegal goods or services to be sold on the Internet, and would impose confidentiality requirements on Internet service providers regarding nonpublic information transmitted or stored on their networks.

## C. Organizational Structure

As of December 31, 2005, our voting shares were indirectly controlled by two major shareholders: Portugal Telecom and Telefónica Móviles, through Brasilcel N.V., with 92.5% of our voting stock, 50.0% of our preferred shares and 66.1% of our total capital stock. Portugal Telecom and Telefónica Móviles share their participation in Brasilcel in equal percentages, and as of the effective time of the Merger they controlled 89.03% of our voting stock, 47.53% of our preferred shares and 62.40% of our total capital stock.

Following the Merger, our subsidiaries are: Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, TCO, Telebahia Celular, Telergipe Celular, Telergipe Celular, Telest Celular and Celular CRT. Substantially all our assets consist of shares in our subsidiaries. We rely very substantially on dividends from our subsidiaries to meet our needs for cash, including cash to pay dividends to our shareholders. See Item 5 Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Liquidity and Capital Resources.

For a more detailed description of our ownership structure and the joint venture between Portugal Telecom and Telefónica Móviles, see Our History and Development and Exhibit 8.1.

## D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Our principal physical property consists of transmission equipment, switching equipment, base stations, and other communication devices, such as voicemail, prepaid service, Short Message Service, Home Location Registers, Signaling Transfer Point, Packet Data Switching Network and gateways. All switches, cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities, warehouses and stores are insured against damages for policy operation risks. TCP leases most of the sites in which cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed, the average terms of the leases being five years and providing for five-year renewals.

As of December 31, 2005, Telesp Celular had 50 cellular switches and other equipment installed in twelve owned spaces and 25 shared spaces. Telesp Celular leases most of the sites in which its cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years (subject to renewal for additional five-year terms). Its 2,767 base stations and other network equipment were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses. In addition, Telesp Celular owns administrative buildings (approximately 5,126 square meters) and we lease administrative facilities (approximately 44,682 square meters), warehouse space (approximately 6,000 square meters), 11 kiosks and 83 retail spaces throughout our Region.

As of December 31, 2005, Global Telecom had 15 cellular switches and other equipment installed in six owned spaces and one leased space. Global Telecom leases most of the sites in which its cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years (subject to renewal for additional five-year terms). Its 910 base stations and other network equipment were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses,. In addition, Global Telecom has one administrative building (approximately 4,585 square meters) in which it has one store, and leases administrative facilities (approximately 6,412 square meters), one kiosk and 37 retail stores throughout its Region.

As of December 31, 2005, TCO had 21 cellular switches and other equipment installed in 16 owned spaces. TCO leases most of the sites in which its cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years. Its 1,498 base stations and other network equipments were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses. In addition, TCO owns nine administrative buildings (approximately 13,107 square meters), two warehouse spaces (approximately 982 square meters) and

three retail stores and leases 16 administrative facilities (approximately 5,822 square meters), seven warehouse space (approximately 4,193 square meters), 11 kiosks, and 41 retail stores throughout our region.

As of December 31, 2005, NBT had 13 cellular switches and other equipment installed in twelve owned spaces and one leased space. NBT leases most of the sites in which its cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years. Its 455 base stations were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses. In addition, NBT leases six administrative facilities (approximately 5,141 square meters), six warehouse spaces (approximately 4,823 square meters), five kiosks and 17 retail stores throughout our region.

As of December 31, 2005, TLE had eight cellular switches and other equipment installed in three owned spaces and three shared spaces. Its operating companies lease most of the sites where their cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years. Their 480 base stations were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses, In addition, they have their own administrative building (approximately 19,455 square meters) and lease 3 administrative facilities (approximately 2,280 square meters), two warehouse spaces (approximately 1,980 square meters), 20 kiosks and 25 retail stores throughout their region.

As of December 31, 2005, TSD had 18 cellular switches and other equipment installed in five owned spaces and one leased space. Its operating companies lease most of the sites where their cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years. Our 1,940 base stations were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses. In addition, they have their own administrative buildings (approximately 13,015 square meters) and one store and also lease administrative facility (approximately 9,804 square meters), two warehouse spaces (approximately 12,600 square meters), twelve kiosks and 44 retail stores throughout their Region.

As of December 31, 2005, Celular CRT had 18 cellular switches and other equipment installed in 3 owned spaces and twelve shared places. Its operating companies lease most of the sites where their cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. The average term of these leases is five years. Our 1,816 base stations were installed in cell sites, administrative buildings, administrative facilities and warehouses. In addition, they have their own administrative building (approximately 1,484 square meters) and one store and also lease administrative facility (approximately 4,549 square meters), one warehouse space (approximately 7,681 square meters), five kiosks and 29 retail stores throughout their Region.

# ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

# ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and other financial information included elsewhere in this annual report, and in conjunction with the financial information included under Item 3.A. Selected Financial Data.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we have relied on estimates and assumptions derived from historical experience and various other factors that we deemed reasonable and relevant. Critical accounting policies—are those that are important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results and utilize management—s most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, estimates and assumptions. The significant accounting policies that we believe are critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial position and results of operations reported under Brazilian GAAP are described in Note 3 to our consolidated

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financial statements. A description of the differences in accounting policies between Brazilian GAAP and U.S. GAAP is included in note 38 to our consolidated financial statements. The application of these critical accounting policies often requires judgments made by our management regarding the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain on the carrying value of our assets and liabilities and the results of our operations. Our results of operation and financial condition may differ from those set forth in our consolidated financial statements, if our actual experience differs from management s assumptions and estimates. The following is a discussion of our critical accounting policies, including some of the variables, assumptions and sensitivities underlying the estimates relating to:

goodwill impairment;
revenue recognition;
depreciation of property, plant and equipment;
valuation of property, plant and equipment;
provisions for contingencies;
deferred income taxes; and

financial instruments.

# Goodwill impairment

Under Brazilian GAAP, the amount of goodwill and other intangible asset impairment, if any, is measured based on projected undiscounted future operating cash flows. Under U.S. GAAP, pursuant to SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets goodwill is no longer amortized and is subject to a yearly impairment test. In performing the yearly impairment test, we identify our reporting units and determine the carrying value of each reporting unit by assigning the assets and liabilities, including the existing goodwill and intangible assets. We then determine the fair value of each reporting unit and compare it to the carrying amount of the reporting unit. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, we would be required to perform the second step of the impairment test that involves the determination of the implicit fair value of the reporting unit by performing a hypothetical purchase accounting calculation. If the implicit value of the goodwill exceeds the book value, an impairment is recognized.

A determination of the fair value and the undiscounted future operating cash flows of our cellular business requires management to make certain assumptions and estimates with respect to projected cash inflows and outflows related to future revenues and expenditures and expenses. These assumptions and estimates can be influenced by different external and internal factors, such as economic tendencies, industry trends, and interest rates, changes in our business strategies and changes in the type of services we offer to the market. The use of different assumptions and estimates could significantly change our financial statements. If assumptions and estimates about the expected future net cash flows change in the future, we may have to recognize impairment charges on goodwill, which would decrease our results of operations and shareholders equity.

# Revenue recognition

Under Brazilian GAAP and U.S. GAAP, we recognize revenues as the services are provided. Sales of handsets to dealers are recognized when the respective handset is activated by the end user. Prepaid service revenue is deferred and amortized based on subscriber airtime usage. Under U.S. GAAP, revenue from sales of handsets along with the related cost of the handsets are deferred and amortized over their estimated useful life. The excess of the cost over the amount of deferred revenue is recognized on the date of sale. As from January 1, 2004, we began to segregate free minutes given in connection with sales of handsets and recharges on pre-paid phone plans. These minutes are recognized as used based on their respective estimated fair values.

We consider revenue recognition to be a critical accounting policy, because of the uncertainties caused by different factors such as the complex information technology required, high volume of transactions, fraud and piracy, accounting regulations, management s determination of collectibility, uncertainties regarding our right to receive certain revenues (mainly revenues for usage of our network) and the estimation of fair value for certain transactions. Significant changes in these factors could cause us to fail to recognize revenues or to recognize revenues that we may not be able to realize in the future, despite our internal controls and procedures.

# Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated on a straight-line method of the estimated useful lives of the underlying assets, which consider historical information available to us, as well as known industry trends. The sensitivity of an impact in changes in the useful lives of property, plant and equipment was assessed by applying a hypothetical 10% decrease to the useful lives of switching and transmission equipment existing at December 31, 2005. This hypothetical 10% decrease would cause a R\$76.8 million increase in our annual depreciation expense in the year of the change.

### Valuation of long-lived assets

Under Brazilian GAAP, an impairment is recognized on long-lived assets such as property, plant and equipment and concession intangibles if the expected net cash flows generated by the respective asset are not sufficient to cover its book value. Under U.S. GAAP, in accordance with SFAS No. 144, long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

A determination of the fair value of an asset requires management to make certain assumptions and estimates with respect to projected cash inflows and outflows related to future revenues and expenditures and expenses. These assumptions and estimates can be influenced by different external and internal factors, such as economic tendencies, industry trends, interest rates and changes in the marketplace. A change in the assumptions and estimates that we use could change our estimate of the expected future net cash flows and lead to the recognition of an impairment charge on our property, plant and equipment or concession intangibles, which would decrease our results of operations and shareholders equity.

# Provisions for contingencies

We are subject to proceedings, lawsuits and other claims related to tax, labor and civil matters. We are required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these matters as well as potential ranges of probable losses. A determination of the amount of reserves required, if any, for these contingencies is made after careful analysis of each individual issue, based on legal advice. The required reserves may change in the future due to new developments in each matter or changes in our approach in dealing with these matters, such as a change in settlement strategy. Future possible changes in the recorded reserve amounts would impact our results of operations in the period that such changes are recorded.

# Deferred income taxes

We compute and pay income taxes based on results of operations under Brazilian GAAP. Under U.S. GAAP, we recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities. We regularly review the deferred tax assets for recoverability and establish a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized, based on historical taxable income, projected future taxable income, and the expected timing of the

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reversals of existing temporary differences. When performing such reviews, we are required to make significant estimates and assumptions about future taxable income. In order to determine future taxable income, we need to estimate future taxable revenues and deductible expenses, which are subject to different external and internal factors such as economic tendencies, industry trends, interest rates, changes in our business strategies and changes in the type of services we offer to the market. The use of different assumptions and estimates could significantly change our financial statements. A change in assumptions and estimates with respect to our expected future taxable income could result in the recognition of a valuation allowance on deferred income tax assets, which would decrease our results of operations and shareholders—equity. If we operate at a loss or are unable to generate sufficient future taxable income, or if there is a material change in the actual effective tax rates, the time period within which the underlying temporary differences become taxable or deductible, or any change in our future projections, we could be required to establish a valuation allowance against all or a significant portion of our deferred tax assets resulting in a substantial increase of our effective tax rate and a material adverse impact on our operating results.

# Financial instruments

With respect to financial instruments, we must make assumptions as to future foreign currency exchange and interest rates. For a discussion of the possible impact of fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange and interest rates on our principal financial instruments and positions, see Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

# A. Operating Results

In February 2001 and December 2002 we completed a series of transactions to acquire 100% of the capital stock of Global Telecom Holdings, which owned 100% of the capital stock of Global Telecom. See Item 4.A. Our History and Development Global Telecom. Until December 27, 2002, we accounted for Global Telecom by the equity method and our 83% ownership was reflected in the income statement as equity in losses of unconsolidated subsidiaries. Since our acquisition of 100% of the capital stock of Global Telecom in December 27, 2002, we have consolidated 100% of its results.

Our investment in Global Telecom is expected to continue to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results because of the indebtedness we incurred to make the investment. In addition, Global Telecom (which began its operations in December 1998) has reported net losses for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005.

On April 25, 2003, we acquired 64.03% of TCO s common stock. Subsequently, we increased our ownership interest to 90.73% of TCO s common stock through a public tender offer. Since May 1, 2003, we have consolidated 100% of the results of TCO.

The comparability of the TCP figures for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004 was affected by the consolidation of the operating results of Global Telecom as from January 1, 2003 and the consolidation of the operating results of TCO as from May 1, 2003.

In February 2006, pursuant to the Merger, TCO became our wholly-owned subsidiary and each of TLE, TSD and CRT merged with and into us. Under the Merger, the Vivo Companies consolidated with one another through a Brazilian law procedure, whereby TCO became a wholly-owned subsidiary of TCP pursuant to a merger of shares (*incorporação de ações*) of TCO and a merger of companies (*incorporação de empresas*) of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT with and into TCP, with TCP as the surviving company. Holders of common shares, preferred shares or (where applicable) ADSs of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT received common shares, preferred shares or ADSs, respectively, of TCP upon approval of the Merger by the requisite percentage of the voting shareholders of TCP, on one hand, and of TCO, TLE, TSD and Celular CRT, as applicable, on the other hand. Upon the completion of the Merger, TCP was renamed Vivo Participações S.A. and has become the holding company of TCO and of the subsidiaries of TLE, TSD and Celular CRT.

Pursuant to the Merger, Brasilcel and its subsidiaries now hold 89.03% of TCP s common shares. Under the Protocol of Merger of Shares and Merger of Companies and Instrument of Justification, governing the Merger, TCP underwent a capital increase in the amount of R\$2,631,136,636.01 as a result of the Merger, from R\$6,670,152,498.26 to R\$9,301,289,134.27. The agreements also provided that Celular CRT s preferred shares held in treasury be transferred to TCP in connection with the Merger.

At a TCP Shareholders Meeting held on February 22, 2006, TCP reduced its capital in the amount of R\$3,147,782,181.54, from R\$6,670,152,498.26 to R\$3,522,370,316.72, as approved by management and the shareholders and in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, which permits reductions in capital up to the amount of accumulated losses, which allows a more accurate valuation of the company and opens a possibility for eventual future distributions of dividends. The total capital of TCP is R\$6,153,506,952.73 due to an increase in the amount of R\$2,631,136,636.01 as a result of the Merger. For more information on the Merger, see the Protocol of Merger of Shares and Merger of Companies and Instrument of Justification among Telesp Celular Participações S.A. and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. dated December 4, 2005, which is included as an exhibit to this report.

# Results of Operations for 2005, 2004 and 2003 for TCP

The following table sets forth certain components of our loss for the periods presented.

# **Statement of Operations**

	Year ended December 31,		Percent change		
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in	millions of <i>red</i>	uis)		
Net operating revenue	7,473.1	7,341.0	6,046.3	1.8	21.4
Cost of services and goods	(3,357.5)	(3,326.2)	(3,020.5)	0.9	10.1
Gross profit	4,115.6	4,014.8	3,025.8	2.5	32.7
Operating expenses:					
Selling	(2,626.5)	(1,909.3)	(1,264.9)	37.6	50.9
General and administrative	(659.4)	(620.6)	(561.3)	6.3	10.6
Other operating income (expense), net	(343.0)	(169.9)	(145.0)	101.9	17.2
Total operating expenses	(3,628.9)	(2,699.8)	(1,971.2)	34.4	37.0
Operating income before equity loss from subsidiaries and financial expense,					
net	486.7	1,315.0	1,054.6	(63.0)	24.7
Financial expense, net	(917.6)	(1,095.4)	(1,133.5)	(16.2)	(3.4)
Operating income (loss)	(430.9)	219.6	(78.9)	(296.2)	378.3
Net non-operating income (expense)	(65.3)	(51.2)	(25.7)	27.5	99.2
Income (loss) before minority interests and taxes	(496.2)	168.4	(104.6)	(394.7)	261.0
Income and social contribution taxes expense	(246.1)	(327.1)	(277.9)	(24.8)	17.7
Minority interests	(166.9)	(331.5)	(257.7)	(49.7)	28.6
Net loss	(909.2)	(490.2)	(640.2)	85.5	(23.4)

# **Operating Revenues**

Our operating revenues consist of the following:

usage charges, which include charges for outgoing calls, roaming and similar service;

revenues from the sale of handsets and accessories;

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monthly subscription charges paid by our contract customers;

interconnection charges (or network usage charges) which are amounts we charge other cellular and fixed-line or long-distance service providers for the use of our network; and

other charges, including charges for the text messaging services (SMS), call forwarding, call waiting, voicemail, and call blocking. The composition of our operating revenues has been affected on the one hand by the shift in the composition of customers to prepaid services (which generate usage charges and interconnection charges but do not generate monthly subscription charges, and which have attracted lower income customers to our services) and on the other hand by our strategic focus on profitability and selective customer growth, and also by the change in the recognition of revenues related to prepaid services. These revenues used to be recognized at the time of the sale of the prepaid minutes but since January 1, 2003, have been deferred and amortized as the prepaid minutes are used. This change had a negative impact of approximately R\$94 million on our 2003 operating revenues.

TCP s net additions (number of new customers less churn) generated a 9.5% increase in the number of contract customers to 3.1 million in 2005, from 2.8 million in 2004. The 2004 figure which in turn represented a 5.1% increase from 2.7 million in 2003. Similarly, net additions generated a 15.5% increase in the number of prepaid customers to 17.1 million in 2005 from 14.8 million in 2004. The 2004 figure which in turn represented 39.6% increase from 10.6 million in 2003.

ANATEL authorizes cellular operators to increase tariffs based upon the prior twelve-month period s cumulative inflation, measured by the IGP-DI variation from February to January of each year.

As of July 6, 2003, cellular telecommunications operators in Brazil were required by the SMP rules to implement long-distance carrier selection codes (*códigos de seleção de prestadora*, or CSP) used by customers to choose their carrier for domestic long-distance services (VC2 and VC3) and international cellular calls. As a result, TCP no longer receives direct revenues or incurs costs in connection with VC2 or VC3 or international calls.

Additionally, in accordance with ANATEL s regulations, Bill & Keep rules were adopted for interconnection charges in July 2003. The rules provide that companies under the SMP regime are not required to pay tariffs for the use of the local network of other SMP providers as long as customers use local service (i.e., make calls in the same registration area) and as long as there is a traffic balance between them. However, if traffic from the SMP provider that originates the call to the SMP provider that terminates the call represents more than 55% of the total local traffic between the two providers, the SMP provider who originates the higher traffic through the other provider s network, must pay to such other provider the local usage tariff for the portion of the traffic that exceeds 55%.

The composition of operating revenues by category of service is presented in our consolidated financial statements and discussed below. We do not present operating revenues on a net basis (i.e., after deduction of taxes) by category of service.

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The following table sets forth the components of our net operating revenues for the periods presented.

	Year	Year ended December 31,			change
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in	millions of rea	is)		
Usage charges	4,456.5	3,868.9	3,258.5	15.2	18.7
Interconnection charges	2,960.2	3,142.1	2,497.7	(5.8)	25.8
Sale of handsets and accessories	1,985.5	1,953.4	1,569.5	1.6	24.5
Other	678.9	548.6	336.6	23.8	63.0
Monthly subscription charges	173.8	242.6	207.4	(28.4)	17.0
Gross operating revenue	10,254.9	9,755.6	7,869.7	5.1	24.0
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(1,943.2)	(1,776.4)	(1,334.8)	9.4	33.1
Discounts granted and return of goods	(838.6)	(638.2)	(488.6)	31.4	30.6
Net operating revenues	7,473.1	7,341.0	6,046.3	1.8	21.4

The following table sets forth the impact on net operating revenues of consolidating TCO for twelve months in 2004 compared to eight months in 2003.

	Year ended	From May 1 to	
	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	Consolidation effect
Usage charges	1,271.2	743.8	527.4
Interconnection charges	872.1	536.1	336.0
Sales of handsets and accessories	486.8	322.1	164.7
Other	170.1	67.8	102.3
Monthly subscription charges	149.5	103.2	46.3
Total gross operating revenue	2,949.7	1,773.0	1,176.7
Value-added and other indirect taxes	(610.8)	(343.7)	(267.1)
Discounts granted and return of goods	(128.5)	(38.3)	(90.2)
Net operating revenues	2,210.4	1,391.0	819.4

Net operating revenues increased by 1.8% to R\$7,473.1 million in 2005 from R\$7,341.0 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 21.4% increase from R\$6,046.3 million in 2003. The growth in 2005 reflects mainly an increase from usage charges, other revenues and sales of handsets and accessories, partially offset by a decrease in interconnection charges and monthly subscription charges. The growth in 2004 reflects mainly the consolidation effect of TCO in the total amount of R\$819.4 million. TCP s net operating revenues (excluding TCO) increased 10.2% to R\$5,130.6 million in 2004, from R\$4,655.3 million in 2003, primarily due to an increase in revenues from sales of handsets and accessories and interconnection charges.

*Usage charges.* Revenues from usage charges increased by 15.2% to R\$4,456.5 million in 2005, from R\$3,868.9 million in 2004, which in turn represented an 18.7% increase from R\$3,258.5 million in 2003. The increase in usage charges in 2005 was mainly due to an increase of 14.6% in our customer base to 20.2 million customers in 2005 as compared to 17.6 million customers in 2004 in addition to an increase in traffic due to an increase of 9.4% in contract customers. The increase in usage charges in 2004 was mainly due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the total amount of R\$527.4 million. TCP s revenues from usage charges (excluding TCO) increased 3.3% to R\$2,597.7 million in 2004, from R\$2,514.7 million in 2003, primarily due to an increase in outgoing traffic caused by a 28.6% increase in TCP s customer base to 11,811 thousand lines in service in 2004 compared to 9,186 thousand lines in service in 2003.

*Interconnection charges*. Revenues from interconnection charges decreased by 5.8% to R\$2,960.2 million in 2005, from R\$3,142.1 million in 2004, which in turn represented an 25.8% increase from R\$2,497.7 million in

2003. The decrease in interconnection charges in 2005 was principally due to a trend toward a greater volume of cellular to cellular calls and a reduction in the volume of fixed line to cellular calls and to the effect of the partial Bill and Keep system under ANATEL s Personal Mobile Service (*Serviço Móvel Pessoal*, or SMP) regime, as described in Item 3 Key Information . The increase in interconnection charges in 2004 was principally due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the total amount of R\$336.0 million. TCP (excluding TCO) increased its interconnection charges by 15.7% to R\$2,270.0 million in 2004 compared to R\$1,961.6 million in 2003. The increase was principally caused by a tariff increase and by a higher volume of incoming calls (caused by the increase in customer base).

Sales of handsets and accessories. Revenues from sales of handsets and accessories increased by 1.6% to R\$1,985.5 million in 2005 from R\$1,953.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 24.5% increase from R\$1,569.5 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was mainly due to the increase in our customer base described above, which resulted in part from promotional campaigns to acquire new customers. The increase in 2004 was mainly due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the total amount of R\$164.7 million. TCP (excluding TCO) increased its sales of handsets and accessories by R\$219.2 million, from 3,239 thousand handsets in 2003 to 4,879 thousand handsets in 2004, a 50.6% increase in the number of handsets sold. TCO increased its sales of handsets and accessories by R\$164.7 million, from 1,239 thousand handsets in 2003 to 2,575 thousand handsets in 2004, a 107.8% increase in the number of handsets sold. The primary reasons for these increases were successful campaigns for the acquisition of new customers and a shift from TDMA handsets to CDMA handsets.

Revenues from handset sales are reported before commissions and promotional discounts, and include value-added taxes. In general, the purpose of handset sales is to encourage growth in customers and traffic (and not necessarily to generate profits). Accordingly, we subsidize part of the costs of handsets. Although profit margins vary from one handset model to another and from time to time, on average profit margins are negative after taxes and discounts. The subsidy strategy resulted in a gross loss (calculated as the difference from net operating revenues from sales minus the cost of goods sold) for TCP of R\$474.9 million, R\$559.1 million and R\$199,7 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Other. Revenues from other services increased 23.8% to R\$678.9 million in 2005, from R\$548.6 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 63.0% increase from R\$336.6 million in 2003. This increase was principally due to an increase in our customer base and an increase in the use of data-related services by our customers, including text message services, or SMS, wireless Internet services and other value-added services. The increase in the use of data services was due in part to increases in Internet access, improvements in data service tools, the launch of new services and an increase in the number of data transmission-enabled handsets. New services launched in 2005 include: SmartMail, a wireless e-mail service; Corporate VIVO Play 3G, a third generation service providing cellular access to multimedia content; and games. TCP s other revenues (excluding TCO) increased 40.8% to R\$378.5 million in 2004, from R\$268.8 million in 2003 primarily relating to an increase in our customer base and in the use of data services including text messaging service, or SMS, wireless Internet services and other value-added services.

Monthly subscription charges. Revenues from monthly subscription charges decreased by 28.4% to R\$173.8 million in 2005, from R\$242.6 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 17.0% increase from R\$207.4 million in 2003. The decrease was principally due to the impact of our Right Planning loyalty program, which was introduced in July 2004, and to the effects of strong competition. Under that program, we tailor our contracts to the usage needs of our contract customers, seeking to provide competitive prices based on their individual profiles. This program is designed to maintain and increase our contract customer base described above. The increase in monthly subscription charges in 2004 was caused by the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$46.3 million. TCP (excluding TCO) had a 10.7% decrease in the monthly subscription charges to R\$93.1 million in 2004 from R\$104.2 million in 2003, due to an increase the use of prepaid services and in contract plans which do not require the payment of subscription charges.

*Value-added and other indirect taxes.* Value-added and other indirect taxes increased 9.4% to R\$1,943.2 million from R\$1,776.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 33.1% increase from R\$1,334.8 million in

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2003. The increase in 2005 occurred principally because of the increase in gross operating revenues other than from interconnection fees (which are not subject to these taxes). The increase in 2004 was mainly due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$267.1 million. TCP (excluding TCO) had a 17.6% increase in the value-added and other indirect taxes from R\$1,165.6 million in 2004 to R\$991.1 million in 2003, mostly as a result of the increase in the rate of COFINS from 3.0% to 7.6% of the gross operating revenues (except in connection with telecommunication services). The effective rate of taxes on gross operating revenues varies depending upon the composition of our revenues, since the interconnection charges are not subject to ICMS. Accordingly, value-added taxes and other indirect taxes corresponded to 18.9%, 18.2% and 17.0% of our gross operating revenues in 2005, 2004 and 2003.

Sales and services discount and return of goods sold. Discounts and returns increased by 31.4% in 2005 to R\$838.6 million, from R\$638.2 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 30.6% increase from R\$488.6 million in 2003. Discounts and returns corresponded to 8.2%, 6.5% and 6.2% of our gross operating revenues in 2005, 2004 and 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to increases in discounts on handsets and accessories in response to aggressive competition from other providers and to higher commissions for prepaid card sales. The increase in 2004 was principally due to the consolidation effect of TCO, in the amount of R\$90.2 million. TCP s discounts and returns (excluding TCO) decreased 13.2% to R\$509.7 million in 2004, from R\$450.3 million in 2003 as a result of a decrease in the sales of handsets and accessories.

## Cost of Services and Goods

The following table sets forth the components of our costs of services and goods sold for 2005, 2004 and 2003, as well as the percentage change of each year from the prior year.

	Year ended December 31,			Percent change	
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in	millions of <i>re</i>	ais)		
Cost of handsets and accessories	1,587.0	1,734.4	1,222.3	(8.5)	41.9
Depreciation and amortization	776.4	728.9	870.2	6.5	(16.2)
Materials and third party services	341.0	300.1	288.7	13.6	3.9
Interconnection charges	158.7	222.6	298.2	(28.7)	(25.4)
Rental and insurance	97.0	90.4	90.2	7.3	0.2
Personnel	63.2	59.3	48.6	6.6	22.0
Taxes	334.2	190.5	202.3	75.4	(5.8)
Cost of services and goods	3,357.5	3,326.2	3,020.5	0.9	10.1

The following table sets forth the impact on cost of services and goods of consolidating TCO for twelve months in 2004 compared to eight months in 2003.

	Year ended December 31, 2004	From May 1 to December 31, 2003 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	Consolidation effect
Cost of handsets and accessories	556.0	305.5	250.5
Depreciation and amortization	158.4	109.6	48.8
Materials and third party services	64.1	56.3	7.8
Interconnection charges	73.1	83.7	(10.6)
Rental and insurance	15.9	10.2	5.7
Personnel	21.8	13.2	8.6
Taxes	12.3	66.5	(54.2)
Cost of services and goods	901.6	645.0	256.6

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Cost of services and goods increased by 0.9% in 2005 to R\$3,357.5 million, from R\$3,326.2 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 10.1% increase from R\$3,020.5 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was

mainly due to increases in tax payments, depreciation and amortization and the cost of third-party services. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in interconnection charges paid to other providers. The increase in 2004 was mainly due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the total amount of R\$256.6 million. TCP s cost of services and goods (excluding TCO) increased 2.1% to R\$2,424.6 million in 2004, from R\$2,375.5 million in 2003, primarily due to an increase in cost of handsets and accessories. Such increase was partially offset by a decrease in the depreciation and amortization expenses. Gross margin (gross profit as a percent of net revenues) corresponded to 55.1%, 54.7% and 50% in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Cost of handsets and accessories. Cost of handsets and accessories decreased 8.5% to R\$1,587.0 million in 2005, from R\$1,734.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 41.9% from R\$1,222.3 million in 2003. The decrease in 2005 was principally caused by lower costs negotiated with suppliers and our having added fewer new customers in 2005 than in 2004. The increase in 2004 was principally caused by the consolidation effect of TCO, in the amount of R\$250.5 million. TCP s cost of handsets and accessories (excluding TCO) increased 28.5% to R\$1,178.4 million in 2004, from R\$916.8 million in 2003, primarily due to an increase in the number of handsets sold. Such increase was partially offset by lower costs negotiated with our suppliers and by the credits received as a result of the non-cumulative effect of the COFINS since February 2004.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expenses increased 6.5% to R\$776.4 million in 2005, from R\$728.9 million in 2004, which in turn represented a decrease of 16.2% from R\$870.2 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to expansion of our transmission network and other assets driven by the expansion in our customer base. The decrease in 2004 was principally due to the completion of the depreciation of certain long-lived analog assets, which reduced our depreciation expenses in R\$211.4 million. Such decrease was partially offset by the consolidation effect of TCO, which caused a R\$48.8 million increase in the depreciation expenses and by a decrease in the amortization period of the goodwill generated in the acquisition of TCO which increased our amortization expenses in R\$95.0.

Materials and third party services. Cost of materials and third-party services increased 13.6% to R\$341.0 million in 2005, from R\$300.1 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 3.9% from R\$288.7 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to increases in the cost of third-party services and rental payments, such as network maintenance services and the costs of rented circuits and transmission lines. The increase in 2004 was principally due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$7.8 million. TCP s cost of materials and third party services (excluding TCO) remained constant between 2003 and 2004. TCO s cost of materials and third party services in 2004 increased as a result of higher costs with leased-line circuits and costs of maintenance in connection with the new CDMA facility.

Interconnection charges. Interconnection charges decreased by 28.7% to R\$158.7 million in 2005 from R\$222.6 million in 2004, which in turn represented a decrease by 25.4% from R\$298.2 million in 2003. TCP s interconnection charges (excluding TCO) decreased 30.3% to R\$149.5 million in 2004, from R\$214.5 million in 2003. The decrease in 2004 was mainly a consequence of the changes in the SMP regulations, as a result of which interconnection costs from VC2, VC3 and international calls are no longer borne by mobile operators. The decrease was partially offset by an increase in the outgoing traffic as a result of a greater customer base.

Rental and insurance. Rental and insurance expenses increased 7.3% to R\$97.0 million in 2005, from R\$90.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 0.2% from R\$90.2 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally a result of increases in lease payments for shared space, paid for by a reduction in commercial equipment leases. Rental and insurance fees remained relatively constant at R\$90.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, compared to R\$90.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

*Personnel.* Personnel expenses increased 6.6% to R\$63.2 million in 2005, from R\$59.3 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 22.0% from R\$48.6 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was mainly due to an approximate 6% increase in salaries under the terms of our collective bargaining agreement, which we renegotiate annually and which takes effect on November 1; and to training program costs. The increase in 2004

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was mainly due to the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$8.6 million. TCP s personnel costs (excluding TCO) increased 5.9% to R\$37.5 million in 2004, from R\$35.4 million in 2003, primarily relating to an approximate 7.0% increase in the salaries pursuant to the terms of our collective bargaining agreement.

Taxes. Taxes increased 75.4% to R\$334.2 million in 2005, compared to R\$190.5 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 5.8% decrease from R\$202.3 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to a change in accounting policies at TCO to bring TCO s accounting for Fistel and other taxes in line with that of TCP. Beginning in January of 2005, TCO began to accrue amounts monthly for these taxes, as does TCP, rather than recognize the entire tax amount in December of a given fiscal year. The decrease in 2004 was principally caused by the consolidation effect of TCO, which generated a R\$54.2 million reduction. Such reduction was a consequence of new accounting procedures relating to the recording of FISTEL tax adopted by TCO (in line with those adopted by TCP). TCP (excluding TCO) increased its taxes by R\$42.3 million in 2004 due to an increase in the customer base.

## **Operating Expenses**

The following table sets forth the components of our operating expenses for each of the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, as well as the percentage change of each year from the prior year.

	Year e	Year ended December 31,			t change
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in	millions of <i>re</i>	eais)		
Selling expenses	2,626.5	1,909.3	1,264.9	37.6	50.9
General and administrative expenses	659.4	620.6	561.3	6.3	10.6
Other net operating expense	343.0	169.9	145.0	101.9	17.2
Total	3,628.9	2,699.8	1,971.2	34.4	37.0

The following table sets forth the impact on operating expenses of consolidating TCO for twelve months in 2004 compared to eight months in 2003.

	Year ended December 31,	From May 1 to December 31,	
	2004	2003 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	Consolidation effect
Selling expenses	(485.4)	(219.0)	(266.4)
General and administrative expenses	(159.3)	(131.7)	(27.6)
Other net operating expense	17.2	(12.6)	29.8
Total	(627.5)	(363.3)	(264.2)

TCP s operating expenses increased 34.4% to R\$3,628.9 million in 2005, from R\$2,699.8 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 37.0% from R\$1,971.2 million in 2003. The increase in operating expenses in 2005 was principally due to an increase in selling expenses, which in 2005 totaled R\$2,626.5 million, a 37.6% increase from R\$1,909.3 million in 2004. The increase in operating expenses in 2004 was principally due to the increase in selling expenses, which in 2004 totaled R\$1,909.3 million, a 50.9% increase from R\$1,264.9 million in 2003. The consolidation effect of TCO caused an additional increase of R\$264.2.

Selling expenses. Selling expenses increased 37.6% to R\$2,626.5 million in 2005, from R\$1,909.3 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 50.9% increase from R\$1,264.9 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to increases in expenses for third-party services (such as marketing, client care and call center services); increases in the provision for doubtful accounts; and expenses for depreciation of stores, equipment and other assets. Provisions for doubtful accounts increased 111.7% to R\$569.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 from R\$269.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, mainly due to an increase in

our customer base and to the effect of adjustments to how we recognize acquisitions of new customers and receivables from calls made through the networks of other operators. Such values, according to the present regulation are obligatorily paid to the cited operators, independently of recognition of such calls from our customers. As a result of this increase, provisions for doubtful accounts were 5.6% of gross revenues for 2005, compared to 2.8% of gross revenues for 2004. The increase in 2004 was partially caused by the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$266.4 million. In addition, TCP (excluding TCO) had a R\$378.0 million increase in selling expenses mostly as a result of increased costs with marketing and third party services, higher depreciation expenses and higher allowance for doubtful accounts caused by an increase in the levels of subscription fraud.

General and administrative expenses. General and administrative expenses increased by 6.3% in 2005 to R\$659.4 million from R\$620.6 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 10.6% in 2003 from R\$561.3 million in 2003. The increase in general and administrative expenses in 2005 was primarily due to increases in outsourcing, especially for data processing and network maintenance and to larger depreciation and amortization expenses. The increase in general and administrative expenses in 2004 was primarily due to a 6.1% increase in personnel costs due to increase in the number of employees and higher depreciation and amortization expenses in connection with billing systems. In addition, the consolidation effect of TCO caused an increase of R\$27.6 million.

Other net operating expenses. The net amount of other operating expenses increased by 101.9% to R\$343.0 million in 2005, from R\$169.9 million in 2004, which in turn represented an increase of 17.2% from R\$145.0 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was mainly caused by the amortization of goodwill generated in the acquisitions of TCO, of additional shares of TCO and of Global Telecom. The increase in 2004 was mainly caused by the consolidation effect of TCO in the amount of R\$29.8 million.

#### Net Financial Income (Expenses)

The following table sets forth certain components of our net financial expenses, as well as the percentage change of each component from the prior year, for each of the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

	Year ended December 31,			Percent Change	
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(ir	n millions of <i>re</i>	ais)		
Financial income	261.1	223.2	247.9	17.0	(10.0)
Exchange gains and losses	377.9	303.2	368.4	24.6	(17.7)
Gains (Losses) on foreign currency derivative contracts	(941.1)	(913.8)	(873.2)	3.0	4.6
Financial expenses	(615.5)	(708.0)	(876.6)	(13.1)	(19.2)
	(917.6)	(1,095.4)	(1,133.5)	(16.2)	(3.4)

The following table sets forth the impact on financial income (expenses) of consolidating TCO for twelve months in 2004 compared to eight months in 2003.

	Year ended December 31,	From May 1 to December 31,	
	2004	2003 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )	Consolidation effect
Financial income	153.4	135.5	17.9
Exchange gains and losses	(20.6)	(1.7)	(18.9)
Gains (Losses) on foreign currency derivative contracts	(20.9)	(19.0)	(1.9)
Financial expenses	(49.7)	(85.1)	35.4
Total financial income (expense), net	62.2	29.7	32.5

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Net financial expense reflects, among other things, the net effect of interest income and expense, and the net effect of exchange rate fluctuation affecting our loans, financings and derivative operations. See note 8 to our consolidated financial statements. Our net financial expenses decreased 16.2% to R\$917.6 million in 2005, from R\$1,095.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented a decrease of 3.4% from R\$1,133.5 million in 2003. TCP s net financial expenses decreased between 2004 and 2005 primarily due to a reduction in our cost of net debt obtained from the renewal of financial agreements, which offset the higher interest rates in the period (from 16.17% per year in 2004 to 19.0% per year in 2005). Our net financial expenses remained relatively constant between 2003 and 2004.

As of December 31, 2005, all of our foreign exchange indebtedness (R\$3,219.8 million) was covered by long positions under hedging agreements. Under those derivative agreements, our subsidiaries—foreign exchange-denominated obligations are swapped for *real*-denominated obligations bearing interest at rates linked to the *Certificado de Depósito Interfinanceiro* (Interbank Deposit Certificate), or CDI. This resulted into a gain of R\$377.9 million in our foreign currency-denominated debt (a gain of R\$303.2 million in 2004 and a gain of R\$368.4 million in 2003), which was offset by losses in our currency and interest rate derivatives contracts of R\$941.1 million in 2005 (a loss of R\$913.8 million in 2004 and a loss of R\$873.2 million in 2003).

## Net non-operating Income (Expense)

The net non-operating expense increased by 27.5% to R\$65.3 million from an expense of R\$51.2 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 99.2% increase from an income of R\$25.7 million in 2003. The variations in 2004 and 2005 were caused by inventory of fixed assets adjustments.

## Income and Social Contribution Taxes Benefit (Expense)

We incurred income and social contribution taxes in the amount of R\$246.1 million in 2005, a 24.8% increase from R\$327.1 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 17.7% increase from R\$277.9 million in 2003. Despite our net losses, we recorded income taxes in 2005, 2004 and 2003, because of the operating results of TCP and TCO. According to Brazilian tax law, losses from consolidated entities cannot be used to offset income of other consolidated entities. See note 11 to our consolidated financial statements.

## Minority Interest

Minority interests decreased by 49.7% to R\$166.9 million in 2005, from R\$331.5 million in 2004. The variations in minority interest are entirely due to our ownership interest in TCO which corresponds to less than 100% of its capital stock.

## TCP s Segments

The following tables set forth certain information on TCP s reportable segments for the periods indicated (for the purpose of analysis, the segment information that management includes here with respect to each subsidiary includes the amortization of good will and excludes from TCP the result of equity pick-up. Accordingly, the segment information here is not necessarily a statement of income for the individual subsidiaries and may differ from such statement).

#### Company reportable segments as of December 31, 2005 Tele Centro

	Telesp Celular	Global Telecom	Oeste	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net operating revenue	4,380.9	820.8	2,271.4			7,473.1
Operating income (loss)	255.2	(322.0)	222.3	(461.4)	(125.0)	(430.9)
Net income (loss)	130.9	(327.5)	57.9	(603.6)	(166.9)	(909.2)
Total assets	6,170.4	2,632.9	4,785.9	472.9	(275.3)	13,786.8

# Company reportable segments as of December 31, 2004 Tele Centro

Telesp	Global				
Celular	Telecom	Oeste	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated

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Net operating revenue	4,329.1	801.5	2,210.4			7,341.0
Operating income (loss)	607.1	(177.3)	527.8	(277.9)	(460.1)	219.6
Net income (loss)	461.7	(180.3)	291.2	(734.5)	(328.3)	(490.2)
Total assets	6,107.4	2,869.6	4,924.7	461.7	(224.0)	14,139.4

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Global Telecom

The following table sets forth certain components of Global Telecom s income for the periods indicated.

	Year ended December 31,			Percent change	
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in ı	nillions of <i>re</i>	ais)		
Net operating revenue	820.6	801.5	669.0	2.4	19.8
Cost of services and goods sold	(527.3)	(556.0)	(478.9)	(5.1)	16.1
Gross profit	293.3	245.5	190.1	19.5	29.1
Operating expenses:					
Selling	(337.4)	(249.9)	(178.9)	35.0	39.7
General and administrative	(54.8)	(67.7)	(74.5)	(19.1)	(9.1)
Other operating expenses, net	(65.0)	(3.2)	(43.9)	1931.3	(92.7)
Total operating expenses	(457.2)	(320.8)	(297.3)	42.5	7.9
Operating loss before net financial result	(163.9)	(75.3)	(107.2)	117.7	(29.8)
Financial income (expenses), net	(101.2)	(102.0)	(328.1)	(0.8)	(68.9)
Operating loss	(265.1)	(177.3)	(435.3)	49.5	(59.3)
Net non-operating income (expenses)	(5.5)	(5.3)		3.8	
Income before taxes and minority interest	(270.6)	(182.6)	(435.3)	48.2	(58.1)
Income and social contribution tax benefit (expense)		2.3	(0.7)		
Minority interests					
Net loss	(270.6)	(180.3)	(436.0)	50.1	(58.6)

Net operating revenue. The net operating revenue of Global Telecom increased 2.4% to R\$820.6 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, from R\$801.5 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. This increase reflects an increase of 9.5% in revenues from services, mainly from usage charges 31.4% and data-related services 43.5%, partially offset by a 9.7% reduction in interconnection fees and by a 14.1% reduction in revenue from sales of handsets and accessories. Net operating revenue increased 19.8% to R\$801.5 million in 2004 from R\$669.0 million in 2003 reflecting an increase of 19.7% in revenues from services, mainly from usage charges 6.4%, data-related services and interconnection fees 26.2% and also by a 20.0% increase in revenue from sales of handsets and accessories.

Cost of services and goods. Cost of services and goods decreased 5.1% to R\$527.3 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 from R\$556.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, principally due to a 26.6% reduction in the cost of handsets and accessories, partially offset by a 43.7% increase in Fistel and other tax expenses (due primarily to the 12.8% growth in the client base). The gross profit margin (gross profit as a percentage of net revenues) was 35.7% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to 30.6% for twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Cost of services and goods increased 16.1% to R\$556.0 million in 2004 from R\$478.9 million in 2003, principally due to a 40.5% increase in the cost of handsets and accessories (caused by a greater focus on the segment of medium and high-end handsets) and a 16.1% increase in Fistel and other tax expenses (due primarily to the 52.5% growth in the client base) partially offset by a 48.8% decrease in interconnection charges.

Operating expenses. Global Telecom s operating expenses increased 42.5% to R\$457.2 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 from R\$320.8 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The increase resulted mainly from a 35.0% increase in selling expenses, which reached R\$337.4 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to R\$249.9 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. This increase in selling expenses was principally due to an increase in expenses related to outsourced services (such as marketing) and in the provision for doubtful accounts. Operating expenses increased 7.9% to R\$320.8 million in 2004 from R\$297.3 million in 2003 mainly from a 39.7% increase in selling expenses partially offset by a 92.6% decrease in other operating expenses (reserve for contingencies). This increase in selling expenses was mainly due to a 98.7% increase in outsourced services (such as marketing).

*Operating loss.* Global Telecom recorded an operating loss of R\$265.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to an operating loss of R\$177.3 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, principally due to the increase of the operating expenses described above. The 2004 loss is 59.3% lower as compared to a R\$435.3 million loss in 2003.

*Net loss.* As a result of the foregoing, Global Telecom recorded a net loss of R\$270.6 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared with a net loss of R\$180.3 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Such loss is 58.6% lower in comparison with a net loss of R\$436.0 million in 2003.

#### Telesp Celular

The following table sets forth certain components of Telesp Celular s income for the periods indicated.

	Year ended December 31,			Percent change	
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003
	(in	millions of rea	is)		
Net operating revenue	4,381.0	4,329.1	3,993.2	1.2	8.4
Cost of services and goods sold	(1,839.6)	(1,868.6)	(1,903.6)	(1.6)	(1.8)
Gross profit	2,541.4	2,460.5	2,089.6	3.3	17.7
Operating expenses:					
Selling	(1,535.7)	(1,174.0)	(867.0)	30.8	35.4
General and administrative	(417.6)	(385.4)	(336.5)	8.4	14.5
Other operating expenses, net	15.1	29.9	41.7	(49.5)	(28.3)
Total operating expenses	(1,938.2)	(1,529.5)	(1,161.8)	26.7	31.6
Operating income before net financial result	603.2	931.0	927.8	(35.2)	0.3
Financial income (expenses), net	(348.0)	(324.0)	(246.4)	7.4	31.5
Operating income	255.2	607.0	681.4	(58.0)	(10.9)
Net non-operating income (expenses)	(42.7)	(40.3)	(18.3)	6.0	120.2
Income before taxes and minority interest	212.5	566.7	663.1	(62.5)	(14.5)
Income and social contribution tax benefit (expense)	(81.6)	(105.2)	(168.1)	(22.4)	(37.4)
Minority interests					
Net income	130.9	461.5	495.0	(71.6)	(6.8)

Net operating revenue. The net operating revenue of Telesp Celular increased 1.2% to R\$4,381.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, from R\$4,329.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. This increase reflects an increase of 1.2% in revenues from services, mainly from usage charges (10.1%) and data-related services (33.7%), a 2.8% increase in revenue from sales of handsets and accessories, partially offset by a 3.8% reduction in interconnection fees. Net operating revenue increased 8.4% to R\$4,329.1 million in 2004 from R\$3,993.2 million in 2003 reflecting an increase of 8.3% in revenues from services, mainly from interconnection fees and data-related services, and an increase of 13.0% in revenues from sales of handsets and accessories.

Cost of services and goods. Cost of services and goods decreased 1.6% to R\$1,839.6 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 from R\$1,868.6 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, principally due to a 37.3% reduction in interconnection expenses and a 1.9% reduction in the cost of handsets and accessories (in the amount of R\$17.4 million) partially offset by a 21.5% increase in Fistel and other tax expenses (caused by a 13.5% increase in the customer base) and a 8.6% increase in the cost of third-party services (such as call center services, customer service and maintenance). The gross profit margin (gross profit as a percentage of net revenues) was 58.0% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to 56.8% for twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Cost of services and goods decreased 1.8% to R\$1,868.6 million in 2004 from R\$1,903.6 million in 2003, principally due to a 32.1% reduction in depreciation and amortization expenses and a 29.2% reduction in interconnection expenses offset by a 25.3% increase in the cost of handsets and accessories (caused by a greater focus on the segment of medium and high-end handsets) and a 27.1% increase in Fistel and other tax expenses (caused by the 23.2% increase in the customer base).

Operating expenses. Telesp Celular s operating expenses increased 26.7% to R\$1,938.2 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 from R\$1,529.5 million in the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. The increase resulted mainly from a 30.8% increase in selling expenses to R\$1,535.7 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005 from R\$1,174.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. This increase in selling expenses was mainly due to an increase in expenses related to outsourced services (such as marketing), the provision for doubtful accounts and depreciation expenses. Operating expenses increased 31.6% to R\$1,529.5 million in 2004 from R\$1,161.8 million in 2003 mainly due to an increase in expenses related to outsourced services (such as marketing), the provision for doubtful accounts and depreciation expenses.

Operating Income. Telesp Celular recorded an operating income of R\$255.2 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared to an operating income of R\$607.0 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, principally due to the increase in selling expenses described above and an increase in financial expenses in connection with derivative transactions, partially offset by foreign exchange gains resulting from the appreciation of the real in relation to the U.S. dollar during the period. The 2004 gain is as compared to a R\$681.4 million gain in 2003.

*Net Income.* As a result of the foregoing, Telesp Celular recorded a net income of R\$130.9 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, compared with a net income of R\$461.5 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004. Such net income is in comparison with a net income of R\$495.0 million in 2003.

#### TCO

The following table sets forth certain components of TCO s income, as well as the percent change of each year from the prior year for the years ended on December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

	Year ended December 31,			Percent change		
	2005	2004	2003	2005-2004	2004-2003	
	(in n	nillions of red	ais)			
Net operating revenue	2,271.4	2,210.4	1,958.9	2.8	12.8	
Cost of services and goods sold	(990.5)	(901.6)	(904.0)	9.9	(0.3)	
Gross profit	1,280.9	1,308.8	1,054.9	(2.1)	24.1	
Operating expenses:						
Selling	(753.4)	(485.4)	(300.5)	55.2	61.5	
General and administrative	(178.5)	(159.3)	(193.2)	12.1	(17.5)	
Other operating expenses, net	37.5	17.2	(13.5)	118.0	(227.4)	
Total operating expenses	(894.4)	(627.5)	(507.2)	42.5	23.7	
Operating income before net financial result	386.5	681.3	547.7	(43.3)	24.4	
Financial income (expenses), net	117.0	62.2	111.6	88.1	(44.3)	
Operating income	503.5	743.5	659.3	(32.3)	12.8	
Net non-operating income (expenses)	0.1	(9.0)	(6.3)	(101.1)	42.9	
Income before taxes and minority interest	503.6	734.5	653.0	(31.4)	12.5	
Income and social contribution tax benefit (expense)	(164.5)	(224.2)	(181.1)	(26.6)	23.8	
Minority interests		(3.2)	(8.5)		(62.4)	
Net income	339.1	507.1	463.4	(33.1)	9.4	

Net operating revenues increased by 2.8% to R\$2,271.4 million in 2005 from R\$2,210.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 12.8% increase from R\$1,958.9 million in 2003. The growth in 2005 was principally due to an increase in revenues from usage charges and, to a lesser degree, increases in other revenues and in revenues from sales of handsets and accessories. The growth in 2004 was principally due to a 17% increase in usage charges (due to an increase of 41.5% in our customer base), a 26.9% increase in sales of handsets and accessories, and a 92.2% increase in revenues from other services.

The increase in net operating revenues in 2005 and 2004, were partially offset by lower average monthly revenues per customer. The average number of customers (number of customers at the beginning of the year plus the number of customers at the end of the year, divided by two) increased 27.2% to 6,318 thousand in 2005 from 4,966 thousand in 2004, which in turn represented a 38.3% increase from 3,590 thousand in 2003. Average monthly net revenues from services per customer decreased principally as due to an increasing penetration into lower income customer segments and an increase in the percent of prepaid customers in relation to total customers (as a result of new prepaid customers acquired and existing customers switching from contract plans to prepaid plans).

Cost of services and goods sold increased 9.9% to R\$990.5 million in 2005, from R\$901.6 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 0.3% decrease from R\$904.0 million in 2003. TCO s gross margins were 56.4%, 59.2% and 53.9% in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Operating expenses increased 42.5% to R\$894.4 million in 2005, from R\$627.5 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 23.7% increase from R\$507.2 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 resulted mainly from a 55.2% increase in selling expenses and a 12.1% increase in general and administrative expenses.

Selling expenses increased 55.2% to R\$753.4 million in 2005, from R\$485.4 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 61.5% increase from R\$300.5 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to an increase in TCO s provision for doubtful accounts, an increase in third-party marketing and promotional services in a highly competitive environment and an increase in commissions paid to independent distributors, from an increase in the number of handsets sold. TCO s provision for doubtful accounts increased 228.7% to R\$224.6 million for 2005 from R\$68.3 million for 2004, mainly due to an increase in the customer base and to the effect of adjustments to how we recognize acquisitions of new customers and receivables from calls made through the networks of other operators. Such values, according to the present regulation are obligatorily paid to the cited operators, independently of recognition of such calls from our clients. As a result of this increase, provisions for doubtful accounts were 7.1% of gross revenues for 2005, compared to 2.3% of gross revenues for 2004. The increase in 2004 was principally due to an increase in outsourced services, a 45.0% increase in allowances for doubtful accounts and a 185.2% increase in depreciation expenses due to the greater volume of exchanged handsets.

General and administrative expenses increased 12.1% to R\$178.5 million in 2005, from R\$159.3 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 17.5% decrease from R\$193.2 million in 2003. The increase in 2005 was principally due to an increase in third-party services and rental, insurance and condominium fees relating to infrastructure. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in depreciation and amortization expenses and a decrease in income taxes paid by TCO in accordance with Brazilian tax law on the value of international roaming charges paid to non-Brazilian telecommunications companies.

TCO s net income decreased by 33.1% to R\$339.1 million in 2005, from R\$507.1 million in 2004, which in turn represented a 9.4% increase from R\$463.4 million in 2003.

## B. Liquidity and Capital Resources Sources of Funds

TCP generated cash flow from operations of R\$1,469.8 million, R\$1,307.3 million and R\$1,459.7 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

TCP had net cash used in financing activities of R\$76.8 million as of December 31, 2005. Although TCP obtained new loans in the aggregate amount of R\$3,592.7 million in that period, these were more than offset by loan repayments of R\$2,999.0 million and net settlements on derivatives contracts of R\$658.0 million.

TCP had R\$3,646.1 million in long-term loans and financing as of December 31, 2005. TCP s R\$1,546.9 million in short-term indebtedness as of December 31, 2005 consisted primarily of funding from financial

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institutions. As of December 31, 2005, TCP had a working capital deficit (current liabilities minus current assets) of R\$276.8 million compared to R\$1,280.4 as of December 31, 2004. As of December 31, 2003, TCP had a working capital deficit (current liabilities minus current assets) of R\$2.066.0 million.

On May 1, 2005, TCP issued debentures in the aggregate principal amount of R\$1.0 billion in two series, both maturing in May 2015. The first series, in the aggregate amount of R\$200.0 million, bears interest at 103.3% of the average daily interbank deposit rate for deposits of one day (DI *Depósitos Interfinanceiros de um dia, extragrupo*), payable semiannually, and is subject to renegotiation of terms (*repactuação*) in May 2009. The second series, in the aggregate amount of R\$800.0 million, bears interest of 104.2% of the average daily interbank deposit rate, payable semiannually, and is subject to renegotiation of terms in May 2010. The proceeds of the issuance of these debentures were used for the repayment of short-term debt.

Also, in October of 2004, TCP held a voluntary public tender offer to acquire shares of TCO in the amount of R\$902.0 million, with the objective of increasing the ownership interest of the Company in the capital stock of TCO. The number of preferred shares of capital stock of TCO held by TCP and by persons directly and indirectly linked to TCP increased to 84,252,534,000 preferred shares, representing 32.76% of the total preferred shares and representing an increase from 28.86% to 50.65% of the ownership interest of the Company in the total capital stock of TCO.

Currently, our principal assets are the shares of our subsidiaries. We rely exclusively on dividends from TCO, TCP and Global Telecom to meet our cash needs, including the payment of dividends to our shareholders. We control the payment of dividends by TCO, TCP and Global Telecom, subject to limitations under Brazilian law. There are no contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends by our subsidiaries to us.

We believe that our available borrowing capacity, together with funds generated by operations, should provide sufficient liquidity and capital resources to pursue our business strategy for the foreseeable future, with respect to working capital, capital expenditures and other operating needs.

#### **Uses of Funds**

Our principal uses of funds are for capital expenditures, servicing our debt and payment of dividends to our shareholders.

Our capital expenditures (including capitalized interest) amounted to R\$1,557.7 million, R\$1,392.0 million and R\$708.6 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003 respectively. Payment of debt and derivative instruments consumed cash flows of R\$3,657 million, R\$4,744.6 million and R\$2,894.3 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Dividends and interest on equity payments consumed cash flows of R\$76.9 million, R\$85.3 million and R\$91.3 million in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

## Capital Expenditures

The following tables set forth our total capital expenditures for the companies and periods indicated:

	Year ended December	er 31,
	2005 2004	2003
	(in millions of real	is)
TCP		
Switching equipment	343.2 380.1	167.2
Transmission equipment	589.8 450.7	232.8
Information technology	386.2 285.8	157.4
Others(1)	238.5 275.4	151.2
Total capital expenditures	1.557.7 1.392.0	708.6

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	Year ended Decei	nber 31,
	2005 2004 (in millions of	2003 reais)
Telesp Celular		
Switching equipment	216.2 175.9	131.0
Transmission equipment	313.2 172.8	122.3
Information Technology	360.4 251.5	101.9
Others(1)	120.9 158.9	100.5
Total capital expenditures	1,010.7 759.1	455.7
	Year ended Decer	nber 31,
	Year ended Decer 2005 2004 (in millions of	2003
Global Telecom	2005 2004	2003
Global Telecom Switching equipment	2005 2004	2003
	2005 2004 (in millions of a	2003 reais)
Switching equipment	2005 2004 (in millions of 25.4 47.5	2003 reais)
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<sup>(1)</sup> Consisting primarily of free handset rentals, network construction, furniture and fixtures, office equipment and store layouts. Our capital expenditures over the past three years related primarily to increasing our network capacity and coverage. During the year ended December 31, 2005, we invested R\$1,557.7 million, mainly in fixed assets, mainly in projects for the improvement and expansion of our service capacity, the selective implementation of the 1xRTT network overlaid on TCO s TDMA network, the upgrading of Global Telecom s 1xRTT network and in the offering of new services. This amount represented 20.9% of our net operating revenues.

Our capital expenditures for 2006 include investments in network expansion, introduction of new products and services to maximize the use of cellular phones and the constant improvement of the quality of services provided to our customers (the amount will be approved at a general shareholders meeting). We intend to fund these expenses with funds generated by operations and our available borrowing capacity.

## Payments of Dividends to Shareholders

The holders of preferred shares are entitled to exercise voting rights since the 2005 general shareholders meeting and until we pay the minimum dividends. However, this has no significant impact in our ownership structure, since our controlling shareholders own more than 50% of our total capital. See Item 8. Financial Information Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information Payment of Dividends.

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#### Debt

As of December 31, 2005, TCP s total debt position was as follows:

Debt	Amount Outstanding as of December 31, 2005 (in millions of <i>reais</i> )
Financing from financial institucions	5,001.0
Fixcel (acquisition of TCO)	10.7
Interest	181.3
Long-term debt(1)	3,646.1
Short-term debt	1,546.9
Total debt	5,193.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the short-term portion of long-term debt.

As of December 31, 2005, TCP s total debt was R\$5.2 billion, of which R\$3.2 billion, or 62%, was denominated in foreign currencies and therefore exposed to currency fluctuations. Of that amount, R\$2.7 billion was denominated in U.S. dollars (US\$1.2 billion), R\$446.4 million was denominated in yen (¥22,508.9 million), and R\$48.9 million was denominated in UMBNDES which comprises a mix of different currencies. Devaluation of the real results in exchange losses on our foreign currency indebtedness. In order to protect against this risk, we have entered into over-the-counter derivatives transactions with international and domestic financial institutions. In 2005, we incurred financial expense from foreign currency derivative transactions of R\$941.1 million against financial income from monetary and foreign exchange variations of R\$377.9 million. At December 31, 2005, we had derivative contracts that covered 99.6% of our foreign currency-denominated debt and other foreign currency liabilities. The unrealized costs (net of unrealized gains on foreign exchange derivatives contracts) at December 31, 2005 were R\$310.1 million.

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a consequence of our floating rate debt. At December 31, 2005, approximately 44.0% of our interest-bearing liabilities bore interest at floating rates, primarily LIBOR and UMBNDES for U.S. dollar-denominated debt and CDI, IGPM and TJLP for real-denominated debt. Accordingly, our financing expenses will increase if market interest rates rise. At December 31, 2005, all of our foreign currency derivatives contracts bore interest payments linked to the Brazilian CDI rate. TCP protected against the risk of interest rates increasing (LIBOR) by entering into derivative contracts in the total amount of R\$280.9 million. The CDI rates as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 were 19.0% and 16.3%, respectively.

At December 31, 2005, we had US\$280 million in forward purchase agreement which enabled us to purchase U.S. dollars in September 2006 at R\$1.23 per U.S. dollar. At December 31, 2005, hedging contracts covered 99.6% of our foreign currency-denominated financial debt.

Some of the debt agreements of TCP and its subsidiaries contain restrictive covenants. Financial ratios apply to some indebtedness of Global Telecom and TCO and involve (1) current ratios, (2) capitalization ratios, (3) EBITDA margins, (4) interest coverage ratios and (5) debt to capital ratios. Global Telecom has indebtedness and financing with the National Economic and Social Development Bank (*Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social*, or BNDES) which as of December 31, 2005 totaled R\$232.5 million (R\$304.3 million as of December 31, 2004). In accordance with contractual obligations, there are several economic and financial indicators that must be maintained annually. GT did not meet the required level for Total Net Debt/EBITDA as of December 31, 2005. We have already obtained a waiver from the bank for the non-fulfillment of such obligation until December 31, 2006. TCO and its subsidiaries have indebtedness with BNDES and the Export Development Bank of Canada, or EDBC, respectively totaling R\$83.5 million and R\$23.6 million as of December 31, 2005 (respectively R\$137.2 and R\$71.2 as of December 31, 2004). As of the same date, the various economic and financial indicators contemplated by the contracts with EDBC were reached. With respect to the BNDES contracts, TCO did not meet the EBITDA Margin indicators as of December 31, 2005. We have already obtained a waiver from the bank for the non-fulfillment of such obligation until the next measurement.

#### U.S. GAAP Reconciliation

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law Method, which differs in significant respects from U.S. GAAP. Net losses for 2005, 2004, and 2003 were R\$596.8 million, R\$500.7 million and R\$98.8 million under U.S. GAAP, compared to net losses of R\$909.2 million, R\$490.1 million and R\$640.2 million respectively under the Brazilian Corporate Law Method. Shareholder s equity at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was R\$4,138.9 million, R\$2,735.6 million and R\$3,232.0 million respectively under U.S. GAAP, compared to R\$4,015.2 million, R\$2,907.4 million and R\$3,393.2 million respectively under the Brazilian Corporate Law Method.

See Note 36 to our audited consolidated financial statements for a description of the principal differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP as they relate to us, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of net income/loss and total shareholders equity.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2004, the Emerging Issues Task Force of the FASB reached a consensus on EITF 03-06 (Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128) that an entity would allocate losses to a nonconvertible participating security in periods of net loss if, based on the contractual terms of the participating security, the security had not only the right to participate in the earnings of the issuer, but also a contractual obligation to share in the losses of the issuing entity on a basis that was objectively determinable. Determination of whether a participating security holder has an obligation to share in the losses of the issuing entity in a given period must be made on a period-by-period basis, based on the contractual rights and obligations of the participating security. EITF Issue No. 03-06 is effective for fiscal periods beginning after March 31, 2004. Earnings per share in prior years must be retroactively adjusted in order to comply with the consensus decisions reached in EITF No. 03-06. EITF No. 03-06 was adopted in 2005.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, which replaces APB Opinion No. 20, Accounting Changes, and SFAS No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements, and provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. SFAS No. 154 applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principles and requires retrospective application (a term defined by this SFAS) to prior periods financial statements, unless it is impracticable to determine the effect of a change. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement that does not include specific transition provisions. In addition, SFAS No. 154 redefines restatement as the revising of previously issued financial statements to reflect the correction of an error. The statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Our management does not expect the adoption of this SFAS will have an impact on our financial statements.

In March 2005, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143 (FIN 47). FIN 47 clarifies that an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation when incurred if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 also clarifies when an entity would have sufficient information to reasonably estimate the fair value of an asset retirement obligation. FIN 47 is effective for the year ended December 31, 2005 for calendar year companies. We are currently evaluating FIN 47 to determine the impact on its consolidated financial statements.

## C. Research and Development

We have partnerships with some universities, which have allowed us to make improvements in the R&D area. We also rely on the research and development of our third-party suppliers.

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#### D. Trend Information

In 2006, the rate of growth in Brazil's cellular market is expected to exceed Brazil's economic growth. In addition, we expect continued strong competition from other operators, greater focus on data and value added services, targeted growth on average revenue per user, and further enhancements related to customer service. We expect that we will maintain our leadership position in the Brazilian cellular market, focusing on differentiation in the development of integrated solutions and the application of new technologies. We plan to continue to offer services and products with high quality in order to meet our clients expectations.

## E. Off-balance sheet arrangements

As of December 31, 2005, there were no off balance sheet arrangements. We have no majority-owned subsidiaries that are not included in our consolidated financial statements, nor do we have any interests in, or relationships with, any special purpose entities that are not reflected in our consolidated financial statements.

## F. Tabular disclosure of contractual obligations

The following table represents our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2005:

		Payments due by Period			
	Total	Less than 1 year (in mi	1-3 years llions of <i>rea</i>	4-5 years is)	After 5 years
Contractual obligations:					
Long-term debt(1)	4,517.1	871.0	2,590.2	44.5	1,011.4
Capital lease obligations					
Operating leases	1,284.5	138.2	270.6	258.3	617.4
Unconditional purchase obligations	146.2	146.2			
Other long-term obligations(2)	22.6	20.9	1.7		
Total contractual cash obligations(3)	5,970.4	1,176.3	3,008.7	302.8	1,628.8

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes short-term portions of long-term debt.

## ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

## A. Directors and Senior Management

Our company is managed by a Board of Directors and a Board of Executive Officers. Our shareholders elect the members of the board of directors. The Board of Directors must have between three and twelve members, each serving a three-year term. The board currently consists of nine members. The terms of the current members of the board of directors will expire in April 2006, except Antonio Gonçalves de Oliveira s term, representative of minority shareholders, will expire in April 2007. The board of directors holds regular quarterly meetings, and the chairman or two board members may call special meetings.

<sup>(2)</sup> Contracted long-term suppliers or contracted short-term suppliers with penalties for early termination and exclusivity fees paid to dealers.

<sup>(3)</sup> Excludes pension fund obligations.

In addition, we have a rental commitment with Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A. Telesp, a related party, in an annual amount of R\$13.4 million, including all costs related to the rental of certain facilities used in providing telecommunications services, such as electrical and air conditioning equipment.

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The following are the current members of our board of directors and their respective positions.

Name	Position	<b>Date Elected</b>
Fernando Xavier Ferreira	Chairman	March 27, 2003
Carlos Manuel de Lucena e Vasconcellos Cruz	Vice Chairman	March 27, 2003
Shakhaf Wine	Director	March 16, 2004
Félix Pablo Ivorra Cano	Director	October 16, 2003
Ignacio Aller Malo	Director	March 27, 2003
Luis Paulo Reis Cocco	Director	May 18, 2005
Luiz Kaufman	Director	July 18, 2005
Henry Philippe Reichstul	Director	July 18, 2005
António Gonçalves de Oliveira	Director	March 26, 2004
Set forth below is a brief biographical description of our directors.		

Fernando Xavier Ferreira, born on February 13, 1949, is currently Chief Executive Officer of Telecominicações de São Paulo S.A. Telesp and SP Telecomunicações Holding Ltda. Mr. Ferreira is Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Telecominicações de São Paulo S.A. Telesp. He also serves as vice-chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Telefônica Data Brasil Holding S.A. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of Telefónica Internacional S.A. and Telefónica Móviles S.A. Mr. Ferreira is a Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Brasicel N.V. and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Vivo Participações S.A., Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Mercador S/A and Telefônica Factoring do Brasil Ltda. and chairman of the control committee for Telefônica Gestão de Serviços Compartilhados do Brasil Ltda. (T-Gestiona). Until February 2006 he was a member of the Board of Directors Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. He is also a member of the Latin American Committee of the New York Stock Exchange and of the Global Information Infrastructure Commission GIIC. Mr. Ferreira has served as president of Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A. Telebrás, vice-minister in the Brazilian Ministry of Communications, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Embratel S.A., President of Nortel do Brasil S.A., President of Telecomunicações do Paraná S.A. Telepar and as a member of ANATEL s consulting committee and member of the Board of Directors of Empresa Brasileira de Correios e Telégrafos ECT and Portugal Telecom. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Faculdade de Engenharia Elétrica da Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, the Electric Engineering Faculty of the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which he received in 1971. He attended a business administration course at Western Ontario University, Canada, in

Carlos Manuel de Lucena e Vasconcellos Cruz, born on September 9, 1957, is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Portugal Telecom Investimentos Internacionais Consultoria Internacional S.A. and PT Ventures, SGPS, S.A. since April 2004; Member of the Board of Directors of PT Corporate Soluções Empresariais de Telecomunicações e Sistemas, S.A. since June 2003; Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Brasicel N.V. and Vice Charmain of the Board of Directors of Vivo Participações S.A. and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., since April 2003; Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. from April 2003 until February 2006; Chief Executive Officer of PT Comunicações, S.A. from May 2002 until January 2004; Chief Executive Officer of PT Prime, SGPS, S.A. from 2002 until January 2004; Chairman of the Board of Directors of PT Contact Telemarketing e Serviços de Informação, S.A. from 2002 until January 2004; Chief Executive Officer of PTM.com, SGPS, S.A. from May 2003 until January 2004; Member of the Board of Directors of PT Compras Serviços de Consultoria e Negociação, S.A. since May 2003; Member of the Board of Directors of Portugal Telecom Brasil, S.A. since July 2002; Member of the Board of Directors of Portugal Telecom Brasil, S.A. since July 2002; Member of the Board of Directors of Moveis Nacionais, S.A. from June 2002 until May 2003;

Shakhaf Wine, born on June 13, 1969, is currently an executive officer of Portugal Telecom S.G.P.S. and a member of the Board of Directors of Brasilcel N.V., Vivo Participações, S.A., Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações, S.A. and Folha Universo Online S.A. Mr. Wine is also the President of the Audit Committee of Brasilcel N.V. He was a member of the Board of Directors Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. until February 2006. Mr. Wine was a Director of Investment Banking and a Relationship Manager for European corporate clients in the Global Telecommunications Group of Merrill Lynch International from 1998 to 2003. Additionally, he was Senior Associate Director of the Latin American and Telecommunications groups of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell from 1993 until 1998. Previously Mr. Wine was a foreign exchange trader and dealer for the Brazilian Central Bank at Banco Icatu S.A. He holds a degree in Economics from the Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro.

Félix Pablo Ivorra Cano, born on July 1, 1946, was the President of the Board of Directors from February 1999 to September 2005. Mr. Ivorra is currently, member of the Boards of Directors of Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A, Brasilcel N.V, Vivo Participações and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S/A. He joined the Telefónica Group in July 1972 and served in the areas of Technical Specifications, Network Planning, Commercial Planning and as General Director of Advanced Communications. In 1993, he was appointed General Director of the team that founded Telefónica Servicios Móviles, where he held several positions including General Commercial Director and General Director of Business Development until January, 2006. During 1997 and part of 1998, he was chairman of the board of Telefónica Móviles group companies Mensatel, S.A. and Radiored, S.A. He has a degree in Telecommunications Engineering from Escola Técnica Superior de Engenharia ETSI in Madrid, and a post-graduate degree in Business Administration from the Instituto Católico de Administração de Empresas ICADE also in Madrid.

Ignacio Aller Malo, who was born on December 1, 1945, is a member of the Board of Directors of Telefónia Móviles México, S.A. de C.V., Brasilcel N.V., Vivo Participações, S.A. and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. He was a member of the Board of Directors Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. until February 2006. Mr. Aller has served as Chief Operating Officer of Telefónica Móviles S.A. since 2003 and has held several positions at Telefónica de España since 1967.

Luis Paulo Reis Cocco, born on July 23, 1968, is currently Executive Board Member of Portugal Telecom Investimentos Internacionais, S.A., a member of the Board of Directors and a member of the Audit Committee of Brasilcel N.V. Mr. Cocco is also a member of the Boards of Directors of PT Móveis Serviços Telecomunicações, S.A.; PT Ventures, SGPS, S.A.; PT Brasil SA; Vivo Participações S.A.; Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A.; ICDL Brasil Certificadora, S.A.; Mobitel, SA; Telecomunicações Públicas de Timor, S.A.; PT Prime Tradecom, S.A.; Tradecom SGPS, S.A.; Universo Online; PT Ásia; and the Compensation Committee of Macau Cable TV. From May 2005 until February 2006 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. From February 2004 until March 2005, Mr. Cocco was Chief Financial Officer of Portugal Telecom Investimentos Internacionais, S.A. Previously he was General Director for Planning, Control and Finance of PT Comunicações, S.A.; PT Prime, S.A. and PTM.COM, S.A. and General Director for Resources, Planning, IT and Finance of PT Prime, S.A. Between 2000 and 2002, Mr. Cocco was President and CEO (2001-2002) and Chief Financial Officer (2000-2001) of PT Prime Tradecom, S.A. Before joining Portugal Telecom in May 2000, Mr. Cocco had been Vice President of Santander Investment in Portugal since February 1998. Prior to that Mr. Cocco worked for McKinsey and Company from 1991 to 1993 and from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Cocco holds a Master s Degree from Harvard Business School and a Degree in Business Administration from Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Luiz Kaufmann, born on August 7, 1945, has been a member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Vivo and TCO since July 2005. He was a member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A., since July 2005 and until February 2006. Mr. Kaufmann is also a member of the Board of Directors of Gol Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes and chairman of its audit committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of

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Medial Saúde. Mr. Kaufmann is a partner at L. Kaufmann Consultores Associados, a boutique investment bank, through which Mr. Kaufmann was in charge of the turn-around and sale of Vésper Brazil from May 2001 to November 2003 and in the turn-around and sale of Primesys from October 2004 to October 2005. Mr. Kaufmann was partner of GP Investimentos from 1999 to 2001 and a Board member of several companies controlled by GP, CEO of Aracruz Celulose S.A. and Chairman of Board of Directors of Tecflor from November 1993 to April 1998. Previously he spent several years as Managing Director of Arthur D. Little in Brazil. Mr. Kaufmann began his career at Serete S.A. Engenharia as project engineer in 1968, rising to the position of Director of Finance and Control by 1974. Mr. Kaufmann then held various other executive positions prior to those described above. Mr. Kaufmann holds a degree from Universidade Federal do Paraná and a Master of Sciences in Industrial Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Henry Philippe Reichstul, born on April 12, 1949, is a member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Vivo and TCO since July 2005. He was a member of the Boards of Directors and Audit Committees of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A., since July 2005 and until February 2006. Mr. Reichstul is also a member of the Boards of Directors of Coinbra (Louis Dreyfus-Brasil), Prisma Energy International and TAM S.A. Mr. Reichstul was the Chief Executive Officer of Petrobrás Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. from March 1999 to December 2001 and was the Chief Executive Officer of Globopar in 2002. Prior to that time, Mr. Reichstul held various positions as an economist and as an executive. Mr. Reichstul has served on the Boards of Directors of Telebrás from 1985 to 1986, Eletrobrás Centrais Elétricas S.A. from 1985 to 1987 and BNDES from 1986 to 1989. Mr. Reichstul holds a post-graduate degree in Economics from Hertford College of Oxford University.

Antonio Gonçalves de Oliveira, born on May 4, 1944, is currently a member of the Boards of Directors and Audit Committees of Vivo Participações S.A. and Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., since July 2005, and a member of the Board of Directors of Telesp Celular Participações S.A., since March 2001. Mr. Gonçalves de Oliveira was a member of the Boards of Directors and Audit Committees of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A., since July 2005 and until February 2006. He is a member of The USP Museum of Modern Art society, an important participant in the contemporary cultural scene (2004/2006) and member of the council of representatives of FIESP (Federation of Industries of the state of Sao Paulo) (2003/2007). Mr. Gonçalves de Oliveira is also a member of the board of Previ, a member of the Social and Economic Development Council of the Brazilian Government, a board member of the Small and Medium Company Working Group sponsored by the Brazilian Government, the vice-president of the Brazilian Businessmen s Association for Market Integration (ADEBIM), a member of the orientation and steering council of Banco do Povo do Estado de São Paulo and President of the decision council of the National Employee Association of Banco do Brasil (ANABB). From 1991 to 1995, he served as director of the Latin American Sociology Association and from 1993 to 1994 he served as the executive coordinator of the Small and Medium Company National Movement (MONAMPE). He holds a degree in Social Sciences from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and a Master s Degree in Communication Sciences from the same university.

In accordance with the shareholders agreement between Portugal Telecom SGPS, S.A., PT Movéis SGPS, S.A. and Telefónica Móviles S.A., PT Movéis is responsible for the appointment of our Chief Executive Officer and Telefónica Móviles is responsible for the appointment of our Chief Financial Officer. PT Movéis appointed three and Telefónica Móviles appointed three of the nine members of our Board of Directors.

## **Board of Executive Officers**

Our bylaws provide for a board of executive officers with eight positions, each elected by the Board of Directors for a term of three years. Our board of executive officers currently has six members, one of whom holds three positions. The chief executive officer is the chairman and, in his absence or temporary inability to perform his duties, he will be replaced by the Executive Vice President of Finance, Planning and Control. In the case of a vacancy in any position on the Board of Executive Officers, the respective replacement shall be appointed by the Board of Directors; in case of any inability, the Chief Executive Officer shall choose a

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replacement for that officer among the remaining officers. One officer may be elected for more than one position on the board of executive officers, but the members of the board of executive officers cannot be elected to the board of directors. The Board of Directors may remove executive officers from office at any time.

The following are the current executive officers and their respective positions.

Name	Position	Date appointed
Roberto Oliveira de Lima	Chief Executive Officer	July 01, 2005
Ernesto Gardelliano	Executive Vice President of Finance, Planning and Control and Investor Relations Officer	March 23, 2006
Paulo Cesar Pereira Teixeira	Executive Vice President of Operations	April 16, 2003
Roberto Oliveira de Lima	Interim Executive Vice President of Marketing and Innovation and Interim Vice President of IT and Product and Service Engineering	February 06, 2006
Javier Rodríguez García	Vice President of Technology and Networks	April 16, 2003
Guilherme Silvério Portela Santos	Vice President of Customer Relations	April 16, 2003
Sérgio Assenço Tavares dos Santos	Vice President of Regulatory Matters and Institutional Relations	January 2, 2006

Set forth below is a brief biographical description of our executive officers.

Roberto Oliveira de Lima, born on April 1, 1951, is Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President of Marketing and Innovation and Vice President of IT and Product and Service Engineering of Vivo Participações S.A., Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Telerj, Telest, Telebahia, Telergipe, Celular CRT S.A., Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleacre, Teleron, NBT and TCO IP S.A. Mr. Oliveira de Lima has also been a director of Avista Participações Ltda., Tagilo Participações Ltda., Sudestecel Participações Ltda., TBS Celular Participações Ltda., Ptelecom Brasil S.A. and Portelcom Participações S.A., all affiliates of Brasilcel, since 2005. He was the Chief Executive Officer of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. until February 2006. Mr. Oliveira de Lima was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grupo Credicard from 1999 to 2005 and Chief Executive Officer of Banco Credicard S.A. from 2002 to 2005. Before 1999, Mr. Oliveira de Lima held executive positions at Accor Brasil S.A., Rhodia Rhone Poulec S.A. and Saint Gobain S.A. Mr. Oliveira holds a degree in Administration and an MBA from Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brasil, and a Master s degree in finance and strategic planning from Institute Superieur des Affaires, Jouy en Josas, France. Mr. Oliveira is a Brazilian citizen.

Ernesto Gardelliano, born on January 15, 1962, is Executive Vice President of Finance, Planning and Control and Investor Relations Officer of Vivo Participações S.A., Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Telest, Telest, Teleshia, Telergipe, Celular CRT S.A., Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleacre, Teleron, NBT and TCO IP S.A. He joined Coopers & Lybrand in Argentina in 1984 where he developed his career in the Audit Department. During 1990, Mr Gardelliano was transferred to Italy. In January 1993, he joined Movicom, the first mobile telecom operator in Argentina. The Company was a Joint Venture led by BellSouth, Motorola and others. Mr Gardelliano acted as the Financial Controller until 1997, when he was promoted to Chief Financial Officer. In 2005, and after the sale of the Latin American Assets of BellSouth, he became Regional Director for Argentina, Chile and Uruguay for Telefónica Móviles and transferred to Brazil to take over responsibilities in the Finance area of the above mentioned Companies, namely Vivo. Mr Gardelliano is a Certified Public Accountant, a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires and holds a degree in Upper Management from the Instituto de Altos Estudios at the Universidad Austral.

Paulo Cesar Pereira Teixeira, born on June 18, 1957, is the Executive Vice-President of operations of Vivo Participações S.A. since 2003, Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Telerj, Telest, Telebahia, Telergipe, Celular CRT S.A., Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleacre, Teleron, NBT and

TCO IP S.A. Mr. Teixeira is also a director of Avista Participações Ltda., Tagilo Participações Ltda., Sudestecel Participações Ltda., TBS Celular Participações Ltda., Ptelecom Brasil S.A. and Portelcom Participações S.A. He was the Executive Vice-President of Operations of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. until February 2006. Since 1998 Mr. Teixeira is Vice-President of Telerj Celular S.A., Telest Celular S.A., Telebahia Celular S.A., Telergipe Celular S.A., Celular CRT S.A and he was member the Board of Directors of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A. from 2001 until 2003. In 1998 he was a Director of Telepar Celular S.A., Telesc Celular S.A. and CTMR Celular S.A., companies of Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A. Telebrás, and Vice President of Tele Celular Sul S.A. Mr. Teixeira was Director of telecommunications engineering of Mato Grosso do Sul S.A. Telems, a company of Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A. Telebrás from 1995 through 1998. During 1995, he was a Department Manager of investment management. In 1994 he was a Assistant to the Director of Engineering. From 1990 until 1994, Mr. Teixeira served as Divisional Manager of coordenation and expansion of Telebrás Holdings.

Mr. Teixeira was engineer in the areas of service development and investment control, of Telebrás Holding from 1988 through 1990. From 1980 until 1987, Mr. Teixeira performed several different managerial duties at Companhia Riograndense de Telecomunicações S.A. CRT and was also a member of the board of directors from 1985 to 1986. In 1987 and 1988, he held several different positions at Telebrás affiliates. Mr. Teixeira holds an Electrical Engineering degree from the Catholic University of Pelotas, Brazil.

Javier Rodríguez García, born on December 8, 1955, is Executive Vice President of Technology and Networks of each of Vivo Participações S.A., Telerj Celular S.A., Telest Celular S.A., Teleshia Celular S.A., Telerj Celular S.A., Telesp Celular S.A., Global Telecom S.A., since May 2003, Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Telegoiás Celular S.A., Telemat Celular S.A., Telema Celular S.A., Telecore Celular S.A., Teleron Celular S.A., Norte Brasil Telecom S.A. and TCO-IP S.A, since April 2005. He was the Executive Vice-President of Operations of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. and Celular CRT Participações S.A., until February 2006. From 1986 until 1988, Mr. García worked at INDELEC Indústria Electrónica de Comunicaciones S.A., as the manager responsible for the implementation of an automatic mobile telecommunications project for Telefónica de España S.A. From 1988 until 1990, he worked at Rede Electrica de España S.A. as the person responsible for the installation and maintenance of radio mobile systems in Spain. From 1990 until 1992, Mr. García served as an engineering manager at Telcel S.A., where he was responsible for the implementation of automatic mobile telecommunications system for Telefónica de España S.A. in Barcelona, Madrid and Palma de Mallorca. From 1992 until 1996, he was an engineering manager responsible for the installation and maintenance of systems at Compañia Europea de Radiobusqueda S.A., and from 1996 until 1998, he worked in cellular businesses for Telefónica Group in Spain and Peru, as a network quality manager and technical area sub-manager, respectively. From 1998 until 2000, Mr. García was the technology manager in the cellular business of Telefónica Group in Brazil and from 2000 until 2003 was the network manager of Telerj Celular S.A. and Telest Celular S.A. He holds a degree in Technical Telecommunications Engineering from the Technical University of Madrid, Spain.

Guilherme Silvério Portela Santos, born on February 3, 1966, is currently the Vice-President of customers of each of Vivo Participações S.A., Telerj Celular S.A., Telest Celular S.A., Telebahia Celular S.A., Telergipe Celular S.A., Celular CRT S.A., Telesp Celular S.A., Global Telecom S.A., Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., Telegoiás Celular S.A., Telemat Celular S.A., Telems Celular S.A., Teleacre Celular S.A., Teleron Celular S.A., Norte Brasil Telecom S.A., TCO-IP S.A.; and an executive manager at PT Móveis, SGPS, S.A. From March 2003 until February 2006 he was a Vice-President of Customer Service of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Celular CRT Participações S.A. and Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. From 1989 until 1993, Mr. Santos was a consultant at McKinsey & Co., and from 1994 until 1998 he worked as an officer for operations and an officer for special projects at Parque Expo 98, S.A. He was also a coordination officer at Companhia de Seguros Tranquilidade. Mr. Santos holds a civil engineering degree from the Higher Education Technical Institute, Portugal, and a Master s degree from INSEAD, France.

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Sérgio Assenço Tavares dos Santos, born on June 3, 1948, is the Vice President of Regulatory Matters and Institutional Relations of Vivo, TCO, Telerj, Telest, Telebahia, Telergipe, Celular CRT S.A., Telesp Celular, Global Telecom, Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleacre, Teleron, NBT and TCO IP S.A. From January 2006 until February 2006, he was a Vice-President of Regulatory Matters and Institutional Relations of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., Celular CRT Participações S.A. and Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. He was CEO of TCO and its operating subsidiaries and Executive Vice President of Operational Services of TCO between June 2003 and October 2004, and prior to such time he was Manager of the Department of Networks and Operations since May 1998. He was also Manager of the Department of Engineering and Operations of NBT from August 1999 to June 2003 and Superintendent Head of Telebrasília, Telegoiás, Telems, Teleron and Teleacre from January 1998 to June 2003. He was Director of Engineering of Telecomunicações de Brasília S.A. Telebrasília, a fixed telecommunications company, between July 1995 and March 1998, and was also Manager of the Business Unit of Advanced Telecommunications of the Operations Department of Telebrasília from April 1994 until July 1995 and Assessor and Coordinator of Special Projects of the Engineering Department of Telebrasília from September 1993 until March 1994. He held several different positions at Telebrasília between March 1976 and July 1990. Mr. Assenço holds an Electrical Engineering degree from the Brasília University, Brazil. Mr. Assenço is a Brazilian citizen.

#### **Board of Auditors**

We have a permanent Board of Auditors with three members. They are elected annually at the annual general shareholders meeting.

The Board of Auditors is responsible for overseeing our management. Its main duties are:

to review and provide an opinion on the annual report of our management;

to review and approve the proposals of the management bodies to be submitted to the shareholders meeting regarding changes to share capital, issuance of debentures and subscription rights, capital investment plans and budgets, distributions of dividends, changes in corporate form, consolidations, mergers or split-ups; and

to review and approve the financial statements for the fiscal year.

The Board of Auditors holds regular meetings every three months and special meetings when called by the President or by any member of the Board of Auditors.

Listed below are the current members of our Board of Auditors and their respective positions:

Name	Position	<b>Date Appointed</b>
Nelson Jimenes(1)	Member	April 1, 2005
Norair Ferreira do Carmo(2)	Member	April 1, 2005
Evandro Luís Pippi Kruel(2)	Member	April 1, 2005
João Botelho(1)	Alternate	April 1, 2005
Wolney Querino Schüler Carvalho(2)	Alternate	April 1, 2005
Fabiana Faé Vicente Rodrigues(2)	Alternate	April 1, 2005

- (1) Appointed by our preferred shareholders.
- (2) Appointed by our controlling shareholder.

#### B. Compensation

For the year ended December 31, 2005, we paid our directors and executive officers, and the directors and executive officers of our subsidiaries, as compensation an aggregate amount of R\$11.037 million, including

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bonuses and profit sharing plans. This amount includes performance remuneration and profit sharing arrangements applicable to all employees. Furthermore, the members of our board of executive officers are eligible to participate in the same complementary retirement pension plan available to our employees.

#### C. Board Practices

For more detailed information, see Directors and Senior Management, Board of Executive Officers, and Board of Auditors, above.

There are no service contracts between us or our subsidiaries and any of our directors providing for benefits upon termination of employment.

## D. Employees

At December 31, 2005, we had 4,199 full-time employees and 59 temporary employees.

The following table sets forth the number of our employees and a breakdown of employees by main category of activity as of the dates indicated:

	Do	ecember 3	1,
	2005	2004	2003
Total number of employees (including trainees)	4,199	4,217	4,045
Number by category of activity:			
Technical and operations area	875	948	1,034
Sales and marketing	1,686	1,941	1,799
Finance and administrative support	1,063	786	741
Customer service	575	542	471

Employees are represented by the *Sindicato dos Trabalhadores em Empresas de Telecomunicações e Operadoras de Mesas Telefônicas no Estado de São Paulo* (SINTETEL). We negotiate new collective-bargaining agreements every year with the labor unions. The collective-bargaining agreements currently in force include a salary and benefit increase of approximately 11.55% effective as of December 31, 2004.

Our management considers the relations between our work force and us to be satisfactory. We have not experienced any work stoppage that materially affected our operations.

Each of our subsidiaries negotiates a new collective-bargaining agreement every year with each local union. The collective-bargaining agreements now in force expire on October 31, 2006.

At the time of the privatization, employees had the right to maintain their rights and benefits in *Fundação Sistel de Seguridade Social*, or Sistel, a multi-employer defined benefit plan that supplements government provided retirement benefits. Under the Sistel plan, we made monthly contributions to Sistel equal to a percentage of the salary of each employee who was a Sistel member. Each employee member also made a monthly contribution to Sistel on the basis of age and salary. Members of Sistel qualified for pension benefits when they qualified for the government provided retirement benefits. Sistel operates independently from us, and its assets and liabilities are fully segregated from us. Employees hired since January 1999 are not members of Sistel.

Before December 1999, the Sistel plan covered the employees of the former Telebrás System and we were contingently liable for all of the unfunded obligations of the plan. In January 2000, we and the other companies that formerly belonged to the Telebrás system agreed to divide the existing Sistel plan into 15 separate plans, resulting in the creation of private plans covering those employees already enrolled in the Sistel plan. These new private pension plans are still administered by Sistel and have retained the same terms and conditions of the

Sistel plan. The division was carried out so as to allocate liability among the companies that formerly belonged to the Telebrás system according to each company s contributions with respect to its own employees. Joint liability among the Sistel plan sponsors will continue with respect to retired employees, who will necessarily remain members of the Sistel plan.

In 2000, we established the *Plano de Benefícios TCP Prev*, a new private pension plan for our employees. Unlike Sistel s defined benefits plan, the *Plano de Benefícios TCP Prev* calls for defined contributions by our operating subsidiaries, as sponsors, and by our employees, as participants. These contributions are credited to the participants individual accounts. Those employees who were members of the Sistel plan had the option to transfer to the new pension plan by November 31, 2000. As of December 31, 2005, 60.35% (Telesp, Global e TCO/NBT) of our employees were members of the *Plano de Benefícios TCP Prev (TCO TCO Prev)*. We continue to have a contingent liability for the unfunded obligations of the plan with respect to all inactive employees of the former Telebrás and all post-retirement health care benefits for former Telebrás employees and current employees that have not changed to the new plan.

## E. Share Ownership

As of December 31, 2005, each of the members of the board of directors and the board of executive officers owned, directly or indirectly, less than 0.01% of any class of our shares. We do not offer stock option plans to any of our directors or employees.

## ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth the principal holders of common and preferred shares and their respective shares as of December 31, 2005:

Name	Number of common shares owned	Percentage of outstanding common shares	Number of preferred shares owned	Percentage of outstanding preferred shares
Brasilcel	173,039,913	69.1	206,031,783	50.0
Portelcom Partic. S.A.(1)	58,645,839	23.4	1,843	0.0
All directors and executive officers as a				
group	16	(2)	11	(2)

<sup>(1)</sup> Portelcom is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brasilcel.

Any significant change in the percentage ownership held by any major shareholders during the past three years is disclosed in Item 4.A Our History and Development and Item 4.C Organizational Structure.

We are not aware of any other shareholder owning more than 5.0% of the common shares.

Brasilcel does not have different voting rights, but, as a result of owning more than 50% of our common shares, it has the ability to control the election of our board of directors and the direction of our future operations. See also Item 4.A Our History and Development Brasilcel.

## **Related Party Transactions**

The main transactions with unconsolidated related parties are as follows:

Use of network and long-distance (roaming) cellular communications: These transactions involve companies owned by the same group. Part of these transactions were established based on contracts between Telebrás and the operating concessionaires before

<sup>(2)</sup> Less than 1% of aggregate.

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privatization under the terms established by

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ANATEL. These transactions also include call center services to *Telecomunicações Móveis Nacionais TMN* customers in connection with roaming services in the company s network. As of July 2003, users began to choose their long-distance carrier and the company established agreements that provide to long-distance operators (including *Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A.*) co-billing services;

Corporate management advisory services provided to Telesp Celular by PT SGPS and calculated based on a percent (up to 2%) of net revenues, monetarily restated based on currency fluctuations;

Web publicity provided by Terra Networks Brasil;

Logistics services by Telefonica Gestão de Serviços;

Corporate services provided by or to other companies under common control are transferred to the company at the cost actually incurred for these services;

Call center services provided by Dedic (Mobitel S.A.) and Atento to users of Telesp Celular, Tele Centro Oeste and Global Telecom; and

System development and maintenance services provided by PT Inovação, Primesys Telefonica Empresas, Telefonica Mobile Solutions do Brasil, Telefonica Pesquisa e Desenvolvimento and Tradecom Brasil.

We have engaged in a number of other transactions with related parties. See note 31 to our consolidated financial statements.

## B. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

See Item 3.A. Key Information Selected Financial Data and Item 18. Financial Statements.

## **Legal Matters**

We are party to several administrative and legal proceedings that, if decided adversely to us, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We record provisions in our financial statements equivalent to the full amount of the estimated losses associated with those claims where the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome is deemed probable by our legal counsel. However, we do not record provisions in those instances where the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome is deemed possible or remote by our legal counsel. Below is a summary of our material pending administrative and legal proceedings:

Civil

Breakup of Telebrás

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Telebrás, our legal predecessor, is a defendant in a number of administrative and legal proceedings and is subject to various claims and contingencies. Under the terms of the Telebrás breakup, the liability for any claims arising out of acts committed by Telebrás prior to the effective date of the breakup remains with Telebrás, except for labor and tax claims (for which Telebrás and the companies incorporated as a result of the breakup are jointly and severally liable by operation of law) and any liability for which specific accounting provisions have been assigned to us or one of the other companies incorporated as a result of the breakup of Telebrás. In addition, the legality of the breakup of Telebrás has been challenged in numerous legal proceedings, some of which have not been dismissed and are still pending. We believe based on the opinion of outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to these claims is remote.

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Tax Credits

TCP, TCO and the other new holding companies incorporated in connection with the privatization of the telecommunications companies offset certain tax debts against the premiums paid by their controlling shareholders. A claim was filed against all the new holding companies, including TCP and TCO, seeking relief in the form of the annulment of the administrative acts that recognized these offsets. Although we believe that the restructuring was implemented in accordance with Brazilian law, we believe based on the opinion of outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is possible. We would be required to pay all the taxes that were offset against goodwill. We are unable to determine at this time the extent of any potential liabilities with respect to this claim.

### Ownership of Caller ID

Lune Projetos Especiais Telecomunicação Comércio e Ind. Ltda., a Brazilian company, filed lawsuits against 23 wireless telecommunications operators, including Telesp Celular Participações and its subsidiaries. The lawsuits allege that those operators violated patent number 9202624-9, related to Equipamento Controlador de Chamadas Entrantes e do Terminal do Usuário, or Caller ID, granted to Lune by the Brazilian Intellectual Property Agency INPI, on September 30, 1997. Lune calls on the operators to cease to provide Caller ID services and seeks payment from them for the unauthorized use of the Caller ID system in an amount equivalent to the payment of fees received by such operators for use of the Caller ID system. However, Lune s right to use patent number 9202624-9 was suspended by a federal judge in response to a lawsuit filed against Lune and INPI by Ericsson Telecomunicações S.A. Telesp Celular S.A. and Telerj Celular filed identical lawsuits against Lune and INPI and those lawsuits are still pending before the courts. In connection with this proceeding, a third company, Sonintel, and its two partners also brought an Ação de Oposição, whereby they reinvoked their rights to a previous patent related to Caller ID, and to which the above mentioned patent (number 9202624-9) was linked. We believe based on the opinion of outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to Lune s claim against us is possible. We are unable to determine at this time the extent of any potential liabilities with respect to this claim.

### Validity of Prepaid Plan Minutes

We *and our subsidiaries*, together with other Brazilian wireless telecommunications operators, are defendants in various lawsuits brought by the public prosecutor s office and consumer protection associations challenging the imposition of a deadline for the use of purchased prepaid minutes. The plaintiffs allege that purchased prepaid minutes should not expire after any specified deadline. Conflicting decisions have been issued by the courts reviewing this matter. Although we believe that our criteria for imposing the deadline is in compliance with ANATEL s rules, we believe based on the opinion of outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is possible.

Litigation Relating to the Charging of a Monthly Subscription Fee

Global Telecom S.A., Telegoiás Celular and Telems Celular, together with other mobile telecommunications operators, are defendants in class action suits brought by the federal public prosecutor s office and local agencies for consumers protection, which challenged the charging, by these operators, of monthly subscription tariffs, alleging that there is no legal provision authorizing such a charge. According to the plaintiff, the charging of monthly subscription tariffs also violates Brazilian Consumer Law.

Based on the opinion of our legal counsel, we believe that the possibility of an unfavorable decision in this lawsuit is remote, given that the charging of monthly subscription tariffs is expressly allowed by Brazilian telecommunications regulations.

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Litigation Relating to Telebrás Loans

Tele Centro Oeste has filed a lawsuit against Tele Centro Sul (one of the holding companies arising from the breakup of Telebrás, now Brasil Telecom Participações S/A), Telebrás itself and KPMG (the auditors during the breakup of Telebrás), regarding the distribution of debts and credits of former Telebrás loans, after its breakup.

In response to the lawsuit filed against it, Brasil Telecom Participações S/A filed two countersuits in October 1999 against Telebrasília (which has since merged into TCO) and Telegoiás seeking payment of the Telebrás loans in the amount of R\$41.3 million from TCO and R\$24.1 million from Telegoías.

The lawsuit filed by Tele Centro Oeste against Brasil Telecom Participações S/A, Telebrás and KPMG, was dismissed. In the other two lawsuits, filed by Brasil Telecom Participações S/A against TCO and Telegoiás, the court ruled partially in favor of Brasil Telecom Participações S/A. In the Court of Appeals of the Federal District, TCO s, and Telegoiás appeal was denied. Brasil Telecom Participações S/A s appeal was granted. Since the Court of Appeals of the Federal District rendered unfavorable decisions in these actions, TCO filed an appeal to the Superior Court of Justice and has been awaiting trial since May 2004. On December 17, 2004, the plaintiff in these actions initiated an enforcement proceeding, claiming the amounts owed to be R\$91.5 million from TCO and R\$59.3 million from Telegoiás. On August 31, 2005, TCO and Telegoiás filed a motion to stay the enforcement, in which they challenge the amounts sought by the plaintiff. The motion has not yet been reviewed by the Court.

A final decision unfavorable to TCO with respect to payment by TCO and Telegoiás is probable. However, on the specific point regarding indexation of the debts according to exchange variation, a decision unfavorable to TCO is only possible, since there is a good possibility that exchange variation will be excluded as a criterium of indexation of the outstanding balances.

### Difference in Shares

Celular CRT is named in various lawsuits brought by subscribers of fixed telephone lines in the State of Rio Grande do Sul rendered by Celular CRT s predecessor company *Companhia Rio-Grandense de Telecomunicações*, today *Brasil Telecom S.A.* Prior to the privatization process, telecommunications network expansions were partially financed by plans under the Ministry of Communications Order 1.361/76. This Order entitled fixed telephone lines subscribers to receive a certain number of shares of capital stock of respective fixed telephone service providers, based on amounts subscribers paid for their fixed phone line subscriptions.

The plaintiffs claim to have rights in respect of contracts entered into by Celular CRT s predecessor and each fixed phone line subscriber, by which the amount they paid for their fixed telephone subscriptions were convertible to a certain amount of the company s shares after 12-month subscription periods.

The plaintiffs allege that the procedure by which the shares were subscribed in their names was unlawful, abusive and did not take into consideration, during a period of high inflation, the monetary correction of the amount they had paid to subscribe their fixed telephone lines.

Although an Appeals Court in Rio Grande do Sul has already taken a favorable position to the plaintiffs, the decisions have not been issued against Celular CRT, as we have raised, among others, the argument that the action against us is improper on the ground that liability for any claims arising out of acts committed prior to the effective date of the breakup should remain with the predecessor company. Decisions favoring this argument have been issued, including by the Supreme Court. We believe based on the opinion of counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to these claims is remote.

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### Tax-Related

# Application of ICMS

In June 1998, the *Conselho Nacional de Política Fazendária*, or CONFAZ, decided to apply the ICMS tax to certain service revenues, such as activation fees, and to make the application of the tax to such activation fees retroactive for the five years preceding June 30, 1998. This claim impacts many of our subsidiaries. We believe the application of the ICMS tax to non-basic telecommunications services such as cellular activation is unlawful because it would subject to taxation certain services that are not telecommunications services. In addition, we do not believe new taxes may be applied retroactively. We believe based on the opinion of outside counsel (including certain judicial precedents) that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is remote. Moreover, we believe that the predecessor companies would be liable to our subsidiaries for any tax liability arising from the retroactive application.

### Application of COFINS and PIS

On November 27, 1998, the method for calculating the amount of contribution required under PIS and COFINS was modified by Law No. 9,718, which increased the COFINS contribution rate from 2% to 3% and permitted the deduction of up to 1/3 of the amount due under COFINS from the amount due under CSLL. Since our subsidiaries had a negative tax calculation basis, they could not benefit from this deduction. In addition, Law No. 9,718 effectively increased the amounts of COFINS and PIS due from our subsidiaries by including financial revenues in the calculation methodology. This claim impacts Telesp Celular Participações, Telesp Celular, Tele Centro Oeste and Global Telecom.

We believe that this increase is unconstitutional because: (1) Article 195 of the Brazilian Constitution, which was effective when Law No. 9,718 was enacted, provided that the PIS contribution could only be levied on compensation of employees, revenues and profits; (2) in order to increase the COFINS and PIS contributions, it would be necessary to enact a law requiring a greater quorum than the one required to approve Law No. 9,718; and (3) the law was made effective before the expiration of the required 90-day waiting period.

We believe based on the opinion of our legal counsel, and in consideration of recent decisions of the Supreme Court of Brazil, that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to the calculation methodology is remote but with respect to the contribution rates is possible. However, we do not believe an unfavorable outcome would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# Passing on of the COFINS and PIS to Customers

Several telecommunications carriers, including us, are defendants in a lawsuit brought by the federal public prosecutor s office challenging our policy of passing the COFINS and PIS expenses on to our customers by incorporating them into our charges. This claim impacts several of our subsidiaries. We are challenging the lawsuit on the grounds that COFINS and PIS are cost components of the services provided to our customers and, as such, should be incorporated into the price of such services, as is the practice throughout the telecommunications industry. We believe based on the opinion of our outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is remote.

### **CIDE**

We and our subsidiaries filed lawsuits challenging the application of CIDE *Contribução de Intervenção no Domínio Econômico* on the remittances of payments owed to suppliers headquartered outside Brazil in accordance with technology transfer and technological assistance contracts or trademark and software licenses, in accordance with the terms of Law No. 10,168/2002. We believe based on the opinion of outside counsel that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is possible.

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### **FUST**

ANATEL, through the Abridgment of Law  $n^{\circ}$  7, dated December 15, 2005 established that (i) the values paid for telecommunication companies related to interconnection fees and network usage, cannot be excluded from the tax basis of FUST contributions and (ii) among others, the values received from telecommunication companies, for interconnection usage and for the use of its networks resources, can not be excluded from the tax basis of FUST contributions.

Considering that the second part of the Abridgment of Law is not in accordance with the Law 9.998/2000, all of our subsidiaries have filed writs of mandamus questioning the legality of this contribution and have been granted a favorable preliminary order which has suspended our liability for the contribution.

We believe, based on the opinion of counsel, that the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome with respect to this claim is possible.

### **FISTEL**

Our subsidiary, *Telerj Celular S.A.*, holds two authorizations to provide telecommunication services granted by the government through SMP Authorization Term n° 013/2002: one to explore the *Serviço Móvel Pessoal* for an indeterminate period of time and the other to use radiofrequencies for the remaining period of time of the first license but renewable for fifteen years.

In November 30, 2005 the remaining time of the license for the usage of radiofrequency expired and consequently our subsidiary requested an extension. In order to obtain the licenses of its telecommunications stations with expiration dates, ANATEL requested the payment of a TFI (Installation Inspection Fee), with which our subsidiary disagrees on the ground that it had already had paid TFI for all fixed and mobiles stations and radioenlaces.

ANATEL s position is that the TFI assessment is due in accordance with Act n° 255. Given that ANATEL s position does not seem accurate, our subsidiary has filed an administrative proceeding in order to contest any requirement for payment of the charge.

## Litigation Related to ISS on use of network

The municipalities of Salvador (in the state of Bahia) and Porto Alegre (in the State of Rio Grande do Sul) filed administrative proceedings against Telebahia Celular and Celular CRT in order to collect amounts allegedly due as a services tax (ISS). The municipalities claim that the payments received in consideration of the use of our network could be considered compensation under a lease of a movable asset, and that therefore these payments should be subject to the application of ISS. Based on the opinion of our legal counsel, we believe that Telebahia Celular and Celular CRT will be successful in its defense in these proceedings and accordingly we have not made any provisions.

# Other Litigation

We are also party to certain legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. We believe that our provisions are sufficient to cover our estimated losses due to adverse legal decisions. We believe that adverse decisions arising from these other legal proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **Dividend Policy and Dividends**

We may pay our shareholders both dividends and interest on shareholders equity which is a form of distribution that is tax deductible in Brazil. We did not pay dividends or interest on Shareholders equity for the

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years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003 because we recorded a net loss for each of those years. As a result, holders of TCP s preferred shares now have the same voting risks as the holders or common shares until we pay dividends again.

Each of our preferred shares is entitled to declared dividends, with priority to receive a noncumulative annual dividend, to the extent net profits or reserves are available for distribution, equal to the higher of (i) 6% of the amount obtained by dividing the amount of subscribed capital by the number of our shares and (ii) 3% of the amount obtained by dividing shareholders—equity by the number of our outstanding shares. To the extent there are additional distributable profits, we are also required to distribute to all shareholders an amount equal to 25% of adjusted net income, or the general dividend, determined in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, including any realization of the unrealized net income reserve. Each of our preferred shares is also entitled to receive declared profits on par with common shares, after our common shares have been paid dividends equal to the minimum priority distribution due to our preferred shares, which is 25% of our net profits for the year.

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, a company is permitted to suspend the payment of the mandatory dividend in respect of its common and preferred shares if:

its board of directors, independent auditors and board of auditors report to the shareholders meeting that the distribution would be incompatible with the financial conditions of that company; and

the shareholders ratify this conclusion at the shareholders meeting. In this case,

the board of executive officers would forward to the CVM, within five days of the shareholders meeting, an explanation for the suspension of the payment of the mandatory dividends; and

the amounts which were not distributed are to be recorded as a special reserve, and, if not absorbed by losses in subsequent fiscal years, they must be distributed as dividends as soon as the financial condition of that company permits. Dividends may be distributed by us out of our retained earnings or accumulated profits in any given fiscal year.

Under our by-laws, we may pay dividends out of retained earnings or accumulated profits in any given fiscal year. For the purposes of Brazilian Corporate Law, accumulated profits are defined as net income after the provision of income tax and social contribution for the relevant fiscal year, net of any accumulated losses from prior fiscal years and any amounts allocated to warrants, income bonds, employees and management s participation in a company s profits. Retained earnings are defined as the amount of our net income in prior years that was not paid out as dividends in the year in which it was earned, but rather was retained in accordance with a proposal of the board of directors duly approved by a shareholders meeting.

At each annual shareholders—meeting, the board of directors is required to determine how net profits for the preceding fiscal year are to be allocated. Under Brazilian Corporate Law, we are required to maintain a statutory reserve, to which we must allocate 5% of our net profits for each fiscal year until the amount of such reserve equals 20% of our paid-in capital. Losses, if any, may be charged against the statutory reserve.

Brazilian Corporate Law also provides for two additional discretionary allocations of net profits that are subject to approval by the shareholders at the annual shareholders meeting:

first, a percentage of net profits may be allocated to the contingency reserve for anticipated losses that may be charged to it in future years. Any amount so allocated in a prior year must be either:

reversed in the fiscal year in which the loss was anticipated if such loss does not in fact occur; or

written off in the event that the anticipated loss occurs;

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second, if the amount of unrealized revenue exceeds the sum of (i) the statutory reserve and (ii) retained earnings, such excess may be allocated to the unrealized profit reserve at the direction of the board of directors.

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Allocations may not hinder the payment of mandatory dividends. Unrealized revenue reserve is defined under Brazilian Corporate Law as the sum of:

the share of equity earnings of affiliated companies, which is not paid as cash dividends; and

profits as a result of income from operations after the end of the next succeeding fiscal year.

The amounts available for distribution are determined on the basis of financial statements prepared in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, which differs from other financial statements such as our consolidated financial statements included in this annual report.

### Priority and Amount of Preferred Dividends

Our by-laws provide for a minimum noncumulative dividend of (i) 6% of the amount obtained by dividing the amount of subscribed capital by the number of our shares and (ii) 3% of the amount obtained by dividing shareholders—equity by the number of our outstanding shares, whichever is greater. As a result of such provision, holders of our preferred shares are entitled to receive, in any year, distributions of cash dividends prior to the holders of our common shares receiving any distribution of cash dividends in such year. In addition, distributions of cash dividends in any year are made:

first, to the holders of preferred shares up to the amount of the dividend that must be paid to the holders of preferred shares for such year;

then, to the holders of common shares until the amount distributed in respect of each common share is equal to the preferred dividend; and

thereafter, distributed equally among holders of preferred and common shares.

### Payment of Dividends

We are required by Brazilian Corporate Law and by our by-laws to hold an annual shareholders meeting by April 30 of each year, at which, among other things, an annual dividend may be declared by a decision of our shareholders on the recommendation of our board of directors. The payment of annual dividends in any given year is based on the financial statements prepared for the preceding fiscal year ending December 31. Under Brazilian Corporate Law, dividends are required to be paid within 60 days of the annual shareholders meeting, or on the date determined at a shareholders meeting, but in any case prior to the end of the fiscal year in which such dividend was declared. A shareholder has a three-year period from the dividend payment date to claim dividends in respect of its shares, after which time unclaimed dividends revert back to us. Because our shares are issued in book-entry form, dividends will be credited to the depositary, which is responsible for the delivery of the dividends to their respective holders. We are not required to adjust the amount of paid-in capital for inflation. Annual dividends may be paid to shareholders pro rata according to the date when the subscription price is paid to us.

Our preferred shares underlying the ADSs are held in Brazil by a Brazilian custodian, Banco Itaú S.A., as the agent for the depositary, which is the registered owner of our shares.

Payments of cash dividends and distributions, if any, will be made in *reais* to the Custodian on behalf of The Bank of New York, as depositary, which will then convert those proceeds into U.S. dollars and will cause such U.S. dollars to be delivered to the depositary for distribution to holders of ADRs. In the event that the Custodian is unable to immediately convert the *reais* received as dividends into U.S. dollars, the amount of U.S. dollars payable to holders of ADRs may be adversely affected by devaluations of the real that occur before such dividends are converted and remitted. Dividends in respect of our preferred shares paid to resident and non-resident shareholders, including holders of ADSs, are not currently subject to Brazilian withholding tax.

# B. Significant Changes

There have been no significant changes in 2005 other than the Merger as discussed above in Item 4. Information on the Company Merger of the Vivo Companies.

# ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

# A. Offer and Listing Details

Brazilian private equity and debt are principally traded on BOVESPA, which is the trading market for our common and preferred shares. Our preferred shares began trading on the Brazilian stock exchanges on September 21, 1998. In the United States, our preferred shares trade in the form of ADSs, each representing 2,500 preferred shares as of December 31, 2005, issued by The Bank of New York, as depositary pursuant to a Deposit Agreement among TCP, the depositary and the registered holders and beneficial owners from time to time of ADRs. The ADSs commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange on November 16, 1998 under the symbol TCP.

The table below sets forth, for the indicated periods, the high and low closing prices of the ADSs on The New York Stock Exchange, in U.S. dollars, and the preferred shares on the São Paulo Stock Exchange, in *reais*:

	New York Stock Exchange US\$ per ADS		São Paulo Stock Exchange R\$ per 1,000 preferred shares	
Year ended	High	Low	High	Low
December 31, 2001	28.43	4.15	58.05	12.87
December 31, 2002	9.00	1.58	22.92	6.43
December 31, 2003	6.55	2.04	20.51	7.84
December 31, 2004	8.94	5.38	27.39	16.00
December 31, 2005	7.52	3.12	19.38	7.00
Year ended December 31, 2004				
First quarter	8.92	5.95	26.40	18.31
Second quarter	8.94	5.55	27.39	18.31
Third quarter	7.19	5.57	23.58	16.95
Fourth quarter	6.80	5.38	18.73	16.00
Year ended December 31, 2005	7.50	5 40	10.20	14.00
First quarter	7.52	5.49	19.38	14.90
Second quarter	6.20	4.25	15.85	9.94
Third quarter	4.70	3.65	10.89	8.31
Fourth quarter	4.14	3.12	9.29	7.00
Quarter ended				
March 31, 2006	5.55	3.82	11.96	8.46
March 31, 2000	3.33	3.02	11.70	0.40
Month ended				
October 31, 2005	4.00	3.12	9.03	7.00
November 30, 2005	3.68	3.38	8.24	7.33
December 31, 2005	4.14	3.63	9.29	8.00
January 31, 2006	5.11	4.10	11.70	8.95
February 28, 2006	5.51	4.87	11.74	10.25
March 31, 2006	5.33	3.82	11.30	8.46

### B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable.

### C. Markets

# Trading on the São Paulo Stock Exchange (BOVESPA)

In 2000, the BOVESPA was reorganized through the execution of memoranda of understanding by the Brazilian stock exchanges. Under the memoranda, all securities are now traded only on the BOVESPA, with the exception of electronically traded public debt securities and privatization auctions, which are traded on the Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange.

When shareholders trade in common and preferred shares on the BOVESPA, the trade is settled in three business days after the trade date without adjustment of the purchase price for inflation. The seller is ordinarily required to deliver the shares to the exchange on the second business day following the trade date. Delivery of and payment for shares are made through the facilities of the clearinghouse, *Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custódia S.A.*, or CBLC.

The BOVESPA is a nonprofit entity owned by its member brokerage firms. Trading on the BOVESPA is limited to member brokerage firms and a limited number of authorized nonmembers. The BOVESPA has two open outcry trading sessions each day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., São Paulo time, except during daylight savings time in the United States. During daylight savings time in the United States, the sessions are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., São Paulo time, to closely mirror the NYSE trading hours. Trading is also conducted between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during daylight savings time in the United States on an automated system known as the Computer Assisted Trading System (Sistema de Negociação Assistida por Computador) on the BOVESPA and on the National Electronic Trading System (Sistema Eletrônico de Negociação Nacional). This system is a computerized system that links electronically with the seven smaller regional exchanges. The BOVESPA also permits trading from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on an online system connected to traditional and Internet brokers called the after market. Trading on the after market is subject to regulatory limits on price volatility and on the volume of shares transacted through Internet brokers.

In order to better control volatility, the BOVESPA adopted a circuit breaker system pursuant to which trading sessions may be suspended for a period of 30 minutes or one hour whenever the indices of the BOVESPA falls below the limits of 10% or 15%, respectively, in relation to the index registered in the previous trading session.

There are no specialists or market makers for our shares on BOVESPA. Trading in securities listed on the BOVESPA may be effected off the Exchange in certain circumstances, although such trading is very limited.

Settlement of transactions is effected three business days after the trade date without adjustment of the purchase price for inflation. Payment for shares is made through the facilities of a separate clearinghouse, which maintains accounts for member brokerage firms. The seller is ordinarily required to deliver the shares to the exchange on the second business day following the trade date. The clearinghouse for BOVESPA is *Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custódia S.A.* CBLC, which is wholly owned by that Exchange.

The BOVESPA is significantly less liquid than the NYSE or other major exchanges in the world. As of December 31, 2005, the aggregate market capitalization of the 343 companies listed on the BOVESPA was equivalent to approximately R\$1,128.5 billion (US\$482.1 billion). By comparison, as of December 31, 2005, the aggregate market capitalization of the 2,672 companies listed on the NYSE was approximately US\$21.4 trillion. Although all of the outstanding shares of an exchange listed company may trade on the BOVESPA, in most cases only the preferred shares or fewer than half of the listed common shares are actually available for trading

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by the public, the remainder being held by small groups of controlling persons, by government entities or by one principal shareholder, that rarely trade their shares. For this reason, data showing the total market capitalization of BOVESPA tends to overstate the liquidity of the Brazilian equity securities market. Overall, the Brazilian equity market is relatively small and illiquid compared to major world markets. In 2005, the combined daily trading volumes on BOVESPA averaged approximately U.S.\$666.9 million. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Preferred Shares and Our ADSs. The relative volatility and illiquidity of the Brazilian securities markets may adversely effect holders of ADSs.

### **Regulation of Brazilian Securities Markets**

The Brazilian securities markets are regulated by the CVM, which has authority over stock exchanges and the securities markets generally, by the *Conselho Monetário Nacional*, or CMN, the National Monetary Council and by the Central Bank, which has, among other powers, licensing authority over brokerage firms and regulates foreign investment and foreign exchange transactions. The Brazilian securities market is governed by Law No. 6,385, as amended, known as the Brazilian securities law, and by Law No. 6,404, as amended, known as the Brazilian Corporate Law.

Law No. 10,303 of December 31, 2001 amended the Brazilian Corporate Law and the Brazilian securities law. Consequently, some major modifications resulted for the businesses of the publicly traded companies. Among the changes, Law No. 10,303, along with Executive Order No. 8 and Decree No. 3.995, all dated October 31, 2001, provided that the CVM was to have the scope of its authority and autonomy altered and expanded. The CVM, which is the agency in charge of regulating the market, now handles some functions that were reserved to the Banco Central, for example, the regulation and organization of the futures and commodities markets. Other modifications include changes in the proportion of common and preferred shares (these changes apply solely to companies incorporated after the enactment of the new law), new rules for the issuance of debentures and the exercise of the right of withdrawal, enhanced duties and powers for the members of the Board of Auditors and the Board of Directors, and the ability of publicly traded companies to make publications available over the Internet. Also provided is the pooling agreement, the so-called block voting, by which the shareholders agree during a prior meeting on the direction of the votes that will be cast at the general meetings. The purpose of this type of vote is to prevent any possible individual dissidents or interests from harming corporate interests.

The period established for companies to adapt their by-laws is one year from the publication of the law on November 1, 2001. Our shareholders held a general shareholders meeting on March 27, 2002, and approved the necessary modifications to our by laws.

Under the Brazilian Corporate Law, a company is either public, a *companhia aberta*, such as our company, or private, a *companhia fechada*. All public companies are registered with the CVM and are subject to reporting requirements. A company registered with the CVM may have its securities traded either on BOVESPA or on the Brazilian over-the-counter market. The shares of a public company may also be traded privately, subject to certain limitations. In order to be listed on BOVESPA a company must apply for registration with the CVM and the stock exchange. Once the stock exchange lists a company and the CVM accepts its registration as a public company, its securities may start to be traded.

Trading of securities on BOVESPA may be suspended at the request of a company in anticipation of a material announcement. Trading may also be suspended on the initiative of BOVESPA or the CVM, among other reasons, due to a belief that the company has provided inadequate information regarding a material event or has provided inadequate responses to inquiries by the CVM or BOVESPA.

The Brazilian securities law, Brazilian Corporate Law and the regulations issued by the CVM, the CMN and the Central Bank provide, among other things, disclosure requirements and restrictions on insider trading, price manipulation and protection of minority shareholders. However, the Brazilian securities markets are not as highly regulated and supervised as the U.S. securities markets or markets in some other jurisdictions.

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# Principal Differences Between the Brazilian and the U.S. Corporate Governance Practices

The significant differences between our corporate governance practices and the NYSE corporate governance standards are as follows:

### **Independence of Directors and Independence Tests**

The Brazilian Corporate Law and our by-laws require that our directors be elected by our shareholders at a general shareholders meeting. Nine of our directors are appointed by our controlling shareholder, but three were appointed in accordance with Sarbanes-Oxley.

The Brazilian Corporate Law and CVM establish rules in relation to certain qualification requirements and restrictions, investiture, compensation, duties and responsibilities of the companies executives and directors. Although we believe these rules provide adequate assurances that our directors are independent, we believe such rules would permit us to have directors that would not otherwise pass the independence tests established by the NYSE.

### **Executive Sessions**

According to the Brazilian Corporate Law, up to one-third of the members of the board of directors can be elected into executive positions. The remaining non-management directors are not expressly empowered to serve as a check on management and there is no requirement that those directors meet regularly without management. Notwithstanding, none of our executive officers are members of our board of directors.

#### Committees

We are not required under applicable Brazilian Corporate Law to have, and accordingly we do not have, a Nominating Committee, Corporate Governance Committee and Compensation Committee. Pursuant to our by-laws our directors are elected by our shareholders at a general shareholders meeting. Compensation for our directors and executive officers is established by our shareholders.

### **Audit Committee and Audit Committee Additional Requirements**

Brazilian Corporate Law requires us to have a board of auditors (*Conselho Fiscal*) which is composed of three to five members elected at the general shareholders meeting. The board of auditors operates independently from our management and from our external auditors. Its main function is to examine the financial statements of each fiscal year and provide a formal report to our shareholders. We have a board of auditors that consists of three members and three alternates and which meets once a quarter. In April 2003, the SEC has stated that the listing of securities of foreign private issuers may be exempt from the audit committee requirements if the issuer meets certain requirements.

We also have an audit committee, whose members follow the independence requirements of Rule 10A 3(c)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. See Item 16.D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees.

Under the Brazilian Corporate Law, an audit committee member may simultaneously serve on the audit committees of more than three public companies. In addition, our company does not impose limitations in this regard and our board is not required to affirmatively determine and disclose that the director s ability to effectively serve is not impaired.

# **Policy for Disclosure and Disclosure Committee**

The Policy for Disclosure of Relevant Act or Fact was set up by the Board of Directors of TCP in compliance with Article 16 of CVM Instruction no. 358, dated July 17, 2002.

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The ultimate responsibility for the disclosure of relevant information, acts or facts is incumbent upon the CEO, the CFO and the Investor Relations Officer, the first two being responsible for authorizing information to be disclosed, while the Investor Relations Officer is responsible for the communication itself of the relevant information, under the terms of the provisions of the Relevant Act or Fact Policy and CVM Instructions 358/02 and 369/02.

Disclosures are reviewed by the Disclosure Committee in support of the CEO and CFO. The Disclosure Committee is responsible for processing the disclosure of information and relevant Acts and Facts of the Company, and for ensuring quality disclosure of information, as well as for the implementation of the Disclosure Procedures and Controls.

The Disclosure Committee reports directly to the CEO and to the CFO and is composed of one coordinator and 10 members (representing the Investor Relations, Controls, Corporate Communication, Accounting, Financial, Mergers and Acquisitions, Communication and Publicity and Compliance Officers, as well as the General Secretary and the Legal Officer), and has the duty of evaluating the need to outsource services (such as auditors, legal counsel and other independent consultants), in order to provide adequate support for the disclosure process.

### **Shareholder Approval of Equity Compensation Plans**

Our shareholders do not have the opportunity to vote on all equity compensation plans. However, any issuance of new shares that exceeds the authorized capital is subject to shareholder confirmation.

### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

We have not adopted any corporate governance guidelines in addition to the rules imposed upon us by applicable Brazilian law. We believe that the corporate governance guidelines applicable to us under Brazilian law are consistent with the guidelines established by the NYSE. We have adopted and observe (i) the Policy of Disclosure of Material Acts or Facts, which deals with the public disclosure of all relevant information as per CVM s guidelines; and (ii) the Policy of Negotiation of Equities, which requires management to inform all transactions relating to our securities.

### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

Although the adoption of a code of ethics is not required by Brazilian Corporate Law, TCP implemented a Code of Ethics and Conduct for all Directors and employees in May, 2005. See Item 16.B. Code of Ethics.

# D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

### E. Dilution

Not applicable.

### F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

# ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### A. Share Capital

Not applicable.

### B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

The following summarizes certain material provisions of our by-laws and Brazilian law, the main bodies of regulation governing us. Copies of our by-laws have been filed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 20 F.

### Register

Our amended and restated by-laws were registered with the Public Registry of the state of São Paulo, or JUCESP, No. 82.466/03 8 on April 30, 2003, under company number (NIRE) 3530015879 2. Article 5 of our by-laws will be amended as a result of the capital increase approved by a general meeting of our shareholders on February 22, 2006, which is in the process of being registered with JUCESP.

### **Objectives and Purposes**

We are a publicly traded company duly registered with the Brazilian securities commission under No. 017710. Article 2 of our by-laws provides that our corporate purpose is to:

exercise control of operating companies which provide cellular mobile telecommunications services, personal mobile services and other services in conformity with the concessions, authorizations and permissions that have been granted to us;

promote, through our subsidiaries or controlled companies, the expansion and implementation of telecommunications services within our concessions, authorizations and permissions;

promote, carry out and direct the financing of capital from internal or external sources to be used by us or our controlled companies;

promote, carry out and encourage study and research activities aimed at the development of the telecommunications sector;

perform, through our subsidiaries and affiliated companies, specialized technical services related to the telecommunications sector;

promote, encourage, carry out and coordinate, through our subsidiaries or controlled companies, the development and training of personnel necessary to perform activities in the telecommunications sector;

carry out and promote the import of goods and services for the operations of our subsidiaries and controlled companies;

execute other activities connected or related to our objective;

participate in the equity capital of other companies; and

trade equipment and materials necessary or useful for providing telecommunications services.

### Directors

Below is a description of some of the provisions of our by-laws concerning the members of our board of directors:

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the board of directors has the power to approve investments and acquisition of assets, assume any obligation and execute contracts not included in the budget for an amount exceeding R\$300 million, the public issuance of promissory notes, and the acquisition of our shares for cancellation or deposit with a custodian; and

the board of directors has the power to apportion the global remuneration set forth by the shareholders meeting between the directors and the executive officers.

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Pursuant to Brazilian Corporate Law, each member of the board of directors must have at least one share of our capital stock to be elected as a Director. There are no provisions in our by-laws with respect to:

age limits for retirement of directors; and

anti-takeover mechanisms or other procedures designed to delay, defer or prevent changes in our control. Although there are no provisions in our by-laws with respect to the following, they are regulated by Brazilian Corporate Law and CVM regulations:

a director s power to vote on proposals in which the Director is materially interested;

a director s power to vote compensation to him or herself in the absence of an independent quorum;

borrowing powers exercisable by the directors;

required shareholding for director qualification; and

disclosure of share ownership.

# **Rights Attaching to Shares**

# Dividend Rights

See Item 8A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information Dividend Policy and Dividends, and Payment of Dividends.

# Voting Rights

Each common share entitles the holder to one vote at meetings of shareholders. Our preferred shares do not entitle the holder to vote except as discussed in our by-laws in Articles 10 and 12. Holders of our preferred shares are each entitled to attend or to address meetings of shareholders and to elect members of our board of directors according to Article 141, fourth paragraph, II, and Article 141, fifth paragraph, of Law No. 6,404/76, as amended by Article 8, fourth paragraph of Law No. 10,303/01.

One of the members of our board of auditors and his or her alternate are elected by the majority vote of the holders of our preferred shares present at the annual meeting of shareholders at which the members of the board of auditors are elected.

Brazilian Corporate Law provides that certain non-voting shares, such as our preferred shares, acquire voting rights in the event we fail for three consecutive fiscal years to pay the mandatory minimum dividend to which such shares are entitled, until such payment is made.

Our preferred shares are entitled to full voting rights in the event that we fail to pay the mandatory minimum dividends to which they are entitled for three consecutive years, and with respect to:

the approval of any long-term contract between us and our controlled subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any controlling shareholder or that shareholder s affiliates and related parties, on the other hand; and

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changes/eliminations of certain rights and obligations as provided for in our by-laws.

Any change in the preference, benefits, conditions of redemption and amortization of our preferred shares, or the creation of a class of shares having priority or preference over our preferred shares, would require the approval of holders of a majority of our outstanding preferred shares at a special meeting of holders of our preferred shares. Such a meeting would be called by publication of a notice in the state official gazette and two other Brazilian newspapers, as determined by the shareholders, at least thirty days prior to the meeting, but would

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not generally require any other form of notice. The execution of agreements with related parties, under terms and conditions more burdensome for the Company than market terms for agreements of the same nature shall require prior approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders, with due regard, in any case, to the provisions in article 117 of Law 6.404/76.

In any circumstances in which holders of our preferred shares are entitled to vote, each preferred share will entitle the holder to one vote.

### Meeting of Shareholders

According to Brazilian law, shareholders must be previously convoked in order for a general or extraordinary shareholders meeting to be installed. The convocation must be published in the state official gazette and two other newspapers, as determined by the shareholders, at least 15 days prior to the meeting s scheduled date. If the first meeting is not installed for some reason, the second convocation must be published at least eight days before the second meeting date.

On the first call, meetings may only be installed with a minimum quorum of one-fourth of the holders of voting shares. Extraordinary meetings whose object is the amendment of the by-laws may only be installed on the first call with a minimum of two thirds of the voting capital present. In addition, some decisions require the approval of at least one half of the holders of voting shares (qualified quorum). On a second call, the meetings are installed regardless of quorum.

### Preemptive Rights

Each of our shareholders has a general preemptive right to subscribe for shares in any capital increase in proportion to its shareholding. A minimum period of 30 days following the publication of notice of the capital increase is allowed for the exercise of the right.

In the event of a capital increase, which would maintain or increase the proportion of capital represented by our preferred shares, holders of ADSs, or of our preferred shares, would have preemptive rights to subscribe only to our newly issued preferred shares. In the event of a capital increase, which would reduce the proportion of capital represented by our preferred shares, holders of ADSs, or of our preferred shares, would have preemptive rights to subscribe to our preferred shares in proportion to their shareholdings and to our common shares only to the extent necessary to prevent dilution of their interest.

Preemptive rights to purchase shares may not be offered to U.S. holders of our ADSs unless a registration statement under the Securities Act is effective with respect to the shares underlying those rights, or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. Consequently, if you are a holder of our ADSs who is a U.S. person or is located in the United States, you may be restricted in your ability to participate in the exercise of preemptive rights.

### Right of Redemption

Brazilian Corporate Law provides for the right of redemption to minority shareholders under certain circumstances.

The right of a dissenting shareholder to seek redemption arises in case our shareholders representing more than 50% of the voting shares, common shares or preferred shares, as applicable, decide to:

change the preference of our preferred shares or to create a class of shares having priority or preference over our preferred shares, except if such actions are expressly permitted in the by-laws at the time of their adoption by our shareholders;

change the preference of our preferred shares, any right they carry, their amortization or redemption rights, or to create a class of shares having priority or preference over our preferred shares;

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reduce the mandatory distribution of dividends;

change our corporate purposes;

transfer all of our shares to another company in order to make us a wholly owned subsidiary of that company;

approve the acquisition of another company, the price of which exceeds certain limits set forth in Brazilian Corporate Law;

participate in a group of companies if certain liquidity standards are not met according to the Brazilian Corporate Law as amended by Law No. 10,303/01;

merge or consolidate us with another company if certain liquidity standards are not met according to the Brazilian Corporate Law as amended by Law No. 10,303/01; and

*cisão*, or split up, Vivo Participações S.A., according to the Brazilian Corporate Law, as amended by Law No. 10,303/01, in any of the following situations: (i) reduction of minimum dividends; (ii) participation in a group of companies; or (iii) change of our corporate purposes, except in case the company receiving our assets has a corporate purpose substantially identical to ours.

The right to redemption lapses 30 days after publication of the minutes of the relevant shareholders meeting or, whenever the resolution requires the approval of the holders of our preferred shares by vote taken in a special meeting of a majority of the holders of our preferred shares affected by the resolution, within 30 days from the publication of the minutes of that special meeting. We would be entitled to reconsider any action giving rise to redemption rights within 10 days following the expiration of those rights if the redemption of shares of dissenting shareholders would jeopardize our financial stability.

Unless otherwise provided in our by-laws, which is not the case, shares are redeemable at their book value, determined on the basis of the last annual balance sheet approved by the shareholders. If the shareholders meeting giving rise to redemption rights occurs more than 60 days after the date of the last annual balance sheet, a shareholder may demand that its shares be valued on the basis of a new balance sheet that is as of a date within 60 days of such shareholders meeting.

# Form and Transfer

Our shares are maintained in book entry form with a transfer agent, Banco ABN AMRO Real S.A., and the transfer of our shares is made in accordance with the applicable provision of Brazilian Corporate Law, which provides that a transfer of shares is effected by an entry made by the transfer agent on its books, debiting the share account of the seller and crediting the share account of the purchaser against presentation of a written order of the seller or judicial authorization or order in an appropriate document which remains in the possession of the transfer agent. Our preferred shares underlying our ADSs are registered on the records of BOVESPA in the name of the Bank of New York, as depositary of the ADSs.

Transfers of shares by a foreign investor are made in the same way and executed by such investor s local agent on the investor s behalf except that, if the original investment was registered with the Central Bank of Brazil under the Brazilian foreign investment in capital markets regulations, the foreign investor should also seek amendment, if necessary, through its local agent, of the certificate of registration to reflect the new ownership.

BOVESPA operates a central clearing system. A holder of our shares may choose, at its discretion, to participate in this system. All shares elected to be put into the system will be deposited in custody with the relevant stock exchange through a Brazilian institution duly authorized to operate by the Central Bank of Brazil and having a clearing account with the relevant stock exchange. The fact that such shares are subject to custody with the relevant stock exchange will be reflected in our register of shareholders. Each participating shareholder will, in turn, be registered in our register of beneficial shareholders maintained by the relevant stock exchange and will be treated in the same way as registered shareholders.

# Regulation of Foreign Investment and Exchange Controls

There are no restrictions on ownership of our preferred shares by individual or legal entities domiciled outside Brazil. However, the right to convert dividend payments and proceeds from the sale of our shares into foreign currency and to remit such amounts abroad is subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation which generally require, among other things, that the relevant investment be registered with the Central Bank and the CVM.

Foreign investors may register their investment in our shares under Law 4,131 of September 3, 1962 or Resolution 2,689 of January 26, 2000. Registration under Resolution 2,689 affords favorable tax treatment to non-Brazilian investors who are not residents in a tax haven jurisdiction (i.e., countries that do not impose income tax or where the maximum income tax rate is lower than 20%), as defined by Brazilian tax laws.

Under Resolution 2,689, non-Brazilian investors may invest in almost all financial assets and engage in almost all transactions available in the Brazilian financial and capital markets, provided that certain requirements are fulfilled. In accordance with Resolution 2,689, the definition of non-Brazilian investor includes individuals, legal entities, mutual funds and other collective investment entities, domiciled or headquartered abroad.

Under Resolution 2,689, a non-Brazilian investor must:

appoint at least one representative in Brazil, with powers to perform actions relating to its investment;

appoint an authorized custodian in Brazil for its investment;

register as a non-Brazilian investor with the CVM; and

register its foreign investment with the Central Bank.

Additionally, the investor operating under the provisions of Resolution 2,689 must be registered with the Brazilian internal revenue service ( *Receita Federal* ) pursuant to the latter s Regulatory Instruction 200. This registration process is undertaken by the investor s legal representative in Brazil.

Securities and other financial assets held by non-Brazilian investors pursuant to Resolution 2,689 must be registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank or the CVM. In addition, securities trading is restricted to transactions carried out in the stock exchanges or through organized over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM, except for transfers resulting from a corporate reorganization, or occurring upon the death of an investor by operation of law or will. See Item 10.E.

Taxation Brazilian tax considerations for more information.

Resolution 1,927 of the National Monetary Council provides for the issuance of depositary receipts in foreign markets in respect of shares of Brazilian issuers. Accordingly, the proceeds from the sale of ADSs by holders of American Depositary Receipts outside Brazil are free of Brazilian foreign investment controls and holders of ADSs who are not resident in a tax haven jurisdiction will be entitled to favorable tax treatment.

The right to convert dividend payments and proceeds from the sale of our shares into foreign currency and to remit such amounts outside Brazil is subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation which generally requires, among other things, that the relevant investment be registered with the Central Bank. Restrictions on the remittance of foreign capital abroad could hinder or prevent the custodian for the preferred shares represented by ADSs, or holders who have exchanged ADSs for preferred shares, from converting dividends, distributions or the proceeds from any sale of preferred shares, as the case may be, into U.S. dollars and remitting such U.S. dollars abroad. Delays in, or refusal to, granting the required government approval for conversions of Brazilian currency payments and remittances abroad could adversely affect holders of ADSs.

We have obtained a certificate of registration in the name of The Bank of New York, the depositary. Pursuant to this certificate, the custodian and the depositary are able to convert dividends and other distributions

with respect to the preferred shares represented by ADSs into foreign currency and to remit the proceeds outside Brazil. If a holder exchanges ADSs for preferred shares, such holder may continue to rely on the depositary s certificate of capital registration for only five business days after such exchange. After that, such holder must seek to register its investment directly with the Central Bank. Thereafter, unless the holder has registered its investment with the Central Bank, such holder may not convert into foreign currency and remit outside Brazil the proceeds from the disposition of, or distributions with respect to, such preferred shares. Such holder generally will be subject to less favorable Brazilian tax treatment than a holder of ADSs.

Before March 14, 2005, there were two principal foreign exchange markets in Brazil, in which notes were freely negotiated but could be strongly influenced by Central Bank intervention:

the commercial rate exchange market dedicated principally to trade and financial foreign exchange transactions such as the buying and selling of registered investments by foreign entities, the purchase or sale of shares, or the payment of dividends or interest with respect to shares; and

the floating rate exchange market that was generally used for transactions not conducted through the commercial foreign exchange market.

On March 4, 2005, the National Monetary Council enacted Resolution No. 3265, pursuant to which the commercial rate exchange market and the floating rate exchange market were unified in a sole exchange market, effective as of March 14, 2005. The new regulation allows, subject to certain procedures and specific regulatory provisions, the purchase and sale of foreign currency and the international transfer of *reais* by a person or legal entity, without limitation of the amount involved, provided, however, the legality of the transaction.

Under Brazilian law, whenever there is a serious imbalance in Brazil s balance of payments or reasons to foresee a serious imbalance, the Brazilian government may impose temporary restriction on the remittance of foreign currency abroad and on the conversion of Brazilian currency into foreign currencies. Such restrictions may hinder or prevent the custodian or holders who have exchanged ADSs for underlying preferred shares from converting distributions or the proceeds from any sale of such shares, as the case may be, into U.S. dollars and remitting such U.S. dollars abroad.

# C. Material Contracts

On December 11, 2002, after all of the TCP operators had switched over to the SMP system, ANATEL approved our acquisition of the remainder of the capital stock Global Telecom Holdings and, on December 27, 2002, we acquired the remaining portion of those three holding companies. On December 31, 2002, we owned, directly and indirectly, 100% of the voting stock and economic interest of Global Telecom.

For a description of such acquisitions, see Item 4. Information on the Company Our History and Development Global Telecom.

On December 10, 2002, Telesp Celular entered into an authorization agreement with ANATEL, acting as a representative of the Brazilian government, which enables it to provide personal cellular services (SMP) in the area corresponding to the state of São Paulo, with the exception of the following municipalities: Altinópolis, Aramina, Batatais, Brodowski, Buritizal, Cajurú, Cássia dos Coqueiros, Colômbia, Franca, Guaíra, Guará, Ipuã, Ituverava, Jardinópolis, Miguelópolis, Morro Agudo, Nuporanga, Orlândia, Ribeirão Corrente, Sales de Oliveira, Sta Cruz da Esperança, Sto Antonio da Alegria and São Joaquim da Barra. The authorization replaces the concession agreement entered into with ANATEL on November 4, 1997, and authorizes Telesp Celular to provide SMP services until August 5, 2008. It may be renewed for an additional term of fifteen years upon payment of 2% of Telesp Celular s net revenues from usage charges in the region described above in the year prior to the year when payment is due, and every two years during the extension period. In consideration for the authorization, Telesp Celular was required to pay R\$9.0 thousand. The authorization is a legal requirement for providing telecommunication services in the region covered thereby.

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On December 10, 2002, Telesp Celular entered into an authorization agreement with ANATEL, acting as a representative of the Brazilian government, which enables it to provide personal cellular services (SMP) in the municipalities of Ribeirão Preto and Guatarapá and the district of Bonfim Paulista. The authorization replaces the concession agreement entered into with ANATEL on November 4, 1997, and authorizes Telesp Celular to provide SMP services until January 20, 2009. It may be renewed for an additional term of fifteen years upon payment of 2% of Telesp Celular s net revenues from usage charges in the municipalities mentioned above in the year prior to the year when payment is due, and every two years during the extension period. In consideration for the authorization, Telesp Celular was required to pay R\$9.0 thousand. The authorization is a legal requirement for providing telecommunication services in the region covered thereby.

On December 10, 2002, Global Telecom entered into an authorization agreement with ANATEL, acting as a representative of the Brazilian government, which enables it to provide personal cellular services (SMP) in the area corresponding to the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina. The authorization replaces the concession agreement entered into with ANATEL on April 8, 1998, and authorizes Global Telecom to provide SMP services until April 8, 2013. It may be renewed for an additional term of fifteen years upon payment of 2% of Global Telecom s net revenues from usage charges in its region in the year prior to the year when payment is due, and every two years during the extension period. In consideration for the authorization, Global Telecom was required to pay R\$9.0 thousand. The authorization is a legal requirement for providing telecommunication services in the region covered thereby.

On February 3, 2003, TCO entered into an authorization agreement with ANATEL, acting as a representative of the Brazilian government, which enables it to provide personal cellular services (SMP) in the area corresponding to the Brazil's Federal District. The authorization replaces the concession agreement entered into with ANATEL on November 4, 1997, and authorizes TCO to provide SMP services until July 24, 2006. It may be renewed for an additional term of fifteen years upon payment of 2% of TCO s net revenues from usage charges in the region described above in the year prior to the year when payment is due, and every two years during the extension period. In consideration for the authorization, TCO was required to pay R\$9.0 thousand. The authorization is a legal requirement for providing telecommunication services in the region covered thereby. TCO s subsidiaries also entered into authorization agreements with ANATEL under similar terms.

On April 25, 2003, TCP acquired 64.03%, of the voting capital stock of TCO for approximately R\$1.505 billion, corresponding to R\$19.48719845 per each lot of 1,000 shares acquired. At the date hereof, we have paid R\$284.7 million of the total amount and the remaining will be paid in installments. TCO is an A Band operator providing cellular telecommunications services in the Federal District of Brazil, as well as in the Brazilian states of Goiás, Mato Grosso do Sul, Mato Grosso, Rondônia, Acre and Tocantins. The agreement also included the acquisition of TCO s B Band subsidiary NBT, which provides cellular telecommunications service in the Brazilian states of Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Pará and Roraima.

# D. Exchange Controls

There are no restrictions on ownership of preferred shares or common shares by individuals or legal entities domiciled outside of Brazil.

The right to convert dividend or interest payments and proceeds from the sale of shares into foreign currency and to remit such amounts outside Brazil is subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation which generally requires, among other things, that the investments have been registered with the Central Bank and the CVM. Such restrictions on the remittance of foreign capital abroad may hinder or prevent the custodian for our preferred shares represented by our ADSs or the holders of our preferred shares from converting dividends, distributions or the proceeds from any sale of these preferred shares into U.S. dollars and remitting the U.S. dollars abroad. Holders of our ADSs could be adversely affected by delays in, or refusal to grant any, required government approval to convert Brazilian currency payments on the preferred shares underlying our ADSs and to remit the proceeds abroad.

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Resolution No. 1,927 of the National Monetary Council provides for the issuance of depositary receipts in foreign markets in respect of shares of Brazilian issuers. It restates and amends Annex V to Resolution No. 1,289 of the National Monetary Council, known as the Annex V Regulations. The ADS program was approved under the Annex V Regulations by the Central Bank and the CVM prior to the issuance of the ADSs. Accordingly, the proceeds from the sale of ADSs by ADR holders outside Brazil are free of Brazilian foreign investment controls, and holders of the ADSs are entitled to favorable tax treatment. See Item 10. Taxation Brazilian Tax Considerations.

Under Resolution 2,689, of the CMN, foreign investors registered with the CVM may buy and sell Brazilian securities, including our preferred shares, on the Brazilian stock exchange. Registration is available to qualified foreign investors, which principally include foreign financial institutions, legal entities and individuals. Resolution 2,689 also extends favorable tax treatment to registered investors. See Item 10. Taxation Brazilian Tax Considerations.

Pursuant to the Resolution 2,689, foreign investors must: (i) appoint at least one representative in Brazil with the ability to perform actions regarding the foreign investment; (ii) complete the appropriate foreign investor registration form; (iii) obtain registration as a foreign investor with CVM; and (iv) register the foreign investment with the Central Bank.

The securities and other financial assets held by a foreign investor pursuant to Resolution 2,689 must be registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank or by the CVM or be registered in register, clearing and custody systems authorized by the Central Bank or by the CVM. In addition, the trading of securities is restricted to transactions carried out on the stock exchanges or over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM.

### **Registered Capital**

Amounts invested in our preferred shares by a non-Brazilian holder who qualifies under Resolution 2,689 and obtains registration with the CVM, or by the depositary representing an ADS holder, are eligible for registration with the Central Bank. This registration which must be done before the first investment on Brazilian stock exchanges (the amount so registered is referred to as registered capital) allows the remittance to and outside Brazil of foreign currency, converted at the commercial market rate, acquired with the proceeds of distributions on, and amounts realized through, dispositions of our preferred shares. The registered capital per preferred share purchased in the form of an ADS, or purchased in Brazil and deposited with the depositary in exchange for an ADS, will be equal to its purchase price (stated in U.S. dollars). The registered capital per preferred share withdrawn upon cancellation of an ADS will be the U.S. dollar equivalent of (i) the average price of a preferred share on the Brazilian stock exchange on which the most preferred shares were traded on the day of withdrawal or (ii) if no preferred shares were traded on that day, the average price on the Brazilian stock exchange on which the most preferred shares were traded in the fifteen trading sessions immediately preceding such withdrawal. The U.S. dollar equivalent will be determined on the basis of the average market rates quoted by the Central Bank on these dates.

A non-Brazilian holder of preferred shares may experience delays in effecting Central Bank registration, which may delay remittances abroad. This delay may adversely affect the amount in U.S. dollars, received by the non-Brazilian holder.

A certificate of registration has been issued in the name of the depositary with respect to the ADSs and is maintained by the custodian on behalf of the depositary. Pursuant to the certificate of registration, the custodian and the depositary are able to convert dividends and other distributions with respect to the preferred shares represented by our ADSs into foreign currency and remit the proceeds outside Brazil. In the event that a holder of ADSs exchanges such ADSs for preferred shares, such holder will be entitled to continue to rely on the depositary s certificate of registration for five business days after such exchange, following which such holder must seek to obtain its own certificate of registration with the Central Bank. Thereafter, any holder of preferred

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shares may not be able to convert into foreign currency and remit outside Brazil the proceeds from the disposition of, or distributions with respect to, such preferred shares, unless the holder is a duly qualified investor under Resolution 2,689 or obtains its own certificate of registration. A holder that obtains a certificate of registration will be subject to less favorable Brazilian tax treatment than a holder of ADSs. See Item 10 Taxation Brazilian Tax Considerations.

If the holder does not qualify under Resolution 2,689 by registering with the CVM and the Central Bank and appointing a representative in Brazil, the holder will be subject to less favorable Brazilian tax treatment than a holder of ADSs. Regardless of qualification under Resolution 2,689, residents in tax havens are subject to less favorable tax treatment than other foreign investors. See Item 10 Taxation Brazilian Tax Considerations.

Under current Brazilian legislation, the Brazilian government may impose temporary restrictions on remittances of foreign capital abroad in the event of a serious imbalance or an anticipated serious imbalance of Brazil s balance of payments. For approximately six months in 1989 and early 1990, the Brazilian government froze all dividend and capital repatriations held by the Central Bank that were owed to foreign equity investors, in order to conserve Brazil s foreign currency reserves. These amounts were subsequently released in accordance with federal government directives. There can be no assurance that the Brazilian government will not impose similar restrictions on foreign repatriations in the future. See Item 3 Risk Factors Risks Relating to Brazil.

### E. Taxation

The following discussion contains a description of the material Brazilian and U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of preferred shares or ADSs by certain holders. This summary is based upon the tax laws of Brazil and the United States as in effect on the date of this annual report, which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, and to differing interpretations. You should consult your own tax advisors as to the Brazilian, U.S. federal or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of preferred shares or ADSs, including, in particular, the effect of any state, local or non-U.S., non-Brazilian tax laws.

Although there is presently no income tax treaty between Brazil and the United States, the tax authorities of the two countries have had discussions that may culminate in such a treaty. No assurance can be given, however, as to whether or when a treaty will enter into force or how it will affect the U.S. holders of preferred shares or ADSs.

# **Brazilian Tax Considerations**

The following discussion mainly summarizes the principal Brazilian tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of preferred shares or ADSs by a U.S. holder not deemed to be domiciled in Brazil for Brazilian tax purposes (a U.S. holder ). This discussion does not address all the Brazilian tax considerations that may be applicable to any particular non-Brazilian holder, and each non-Brazilian holder should consult its own tax advisor about the Brazilian tax consequences of investing in preferred shares or ADSs.

# Taxation of Dividends

Dividends paid by us in cash or in kind from profits generated on or after January 1, 1996 (i) to the depositary in respect of preferred shares underlying ADSs or (ii) to a U.S. holder or non-Brazilian holder in respect of preferred shares will generally not be subject to Brazilian withholding tax. We do not have any undistributed profits generated before January 1, 1996.

### Distributions of Interest on Capital

Brazilian corporations may make payments to shareholders characterized as interest on capital as an alternative form of making dividend distributions. The rate of interest may not be higher than the federal

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government s long-term interest rate, or the TJLP, as determined by the Central Bank from time to time (11% per annum for the three-month period beginning January 2003). The total amount distributed as interest on capital may not exceed the greater of (i) 50% of net income (before taking the distribution and any deductions for income taxes into account) for the year in respect of which the payment is made or (ii) 50% of retained earnings for the year prior to the year in respect of which the payment is made. Payments of interest on capital are decided by the shareholders on the basis of recommendations of the company s board of directors.

Distributions of interest on capital paid to Brazilian and non-Brazilian holders of preferred shares, including payments to the depositary in respect of preferred shares underlying ADSs, are deductible by us for Brazilian corporate income tax purposes. These payments to U.S. holders or non-Brazilian holders are subject to Brazilian withholding tax at the rate of 15%. If the recipient of the payment is domiciled in a tax haven jurisdiction (i.e., a country that does not impose any income tax or that imposes tax at a rate of less than 20%), the rate will be 25%.

No assurance can be given that our board of directors will not recommend that future distributions of profits will be made by means of interest on capital instead of by means of dividends.

Amounts paid as interest on capital (net of applicable withholding tax) may be treated as payments in respect of the dividends we are obligated to distribute to our shareholders in accordance with our by-laws (*estatutos*) and Brazilian Corporate Law. Distributions of interest on capital in respect of the preferred shares, including distributions to the depositary in respect of preferred shares underlying ADSs, may be converted into U.S. dollars and remitted outside of Brazil, subject to applicable exchange controls.

# Taxation of Gains

Gains realized outside Brazil by a U.S. holder or a non-Brazilian holder on the disposition of property located in Brazil, including preferred shares, to another U.S. holder or non-Brazilian holder are subject to Brazilian tax, as of February 2004. In this case, gains would be subject to a 15% withholding tax rate, except if the beneficiary is located in a low tax jurisdiction, as defined by Brazilian law, in which case the applicable rate would be 25%.

Our understanding is that ADSs do not qualify as property located in Brazil and, therefore, are not subject to Brazilian taxes upon disposition to other non-Brazilian or U.S. holders. Insofar as the regulatory norm referred to in Article 26 is recent and generic and has not been tested through the administrative or judicial courts, we are unable to evaluate what the final ruling on the matter will be.

Gains realized by a U.S. holder or a non-Brazilian holder on dispositions of preferred shares in Brazil or in transactions with Brazilian residents may be free of Brazilian tax, taxed at a rate of 25% or taxed at a rate of 15%, depending on the circumstances.

Gains on the disposition of preferred shares obtained upon cancellation of ADSs are not taxed in Brazil if the disposition is made and the proceeds are remitted abroad within five business days after cancellation, unless the investor is a resident of a jurisdiction that, under Brazilian law, is deemed to be a tax haven.

Gains realized on preferred shares through transactions with Brazilian residents or through transactions in Brazil off of the Brazilian stock exchanges are generally subject to be taxed at a rate of 15%.

Gains realized on preferred shares through transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges are generally subject to be taxed at a rate of 15%, as of January 2005, unless the investor is entitled to tax free treatment for the transaction under Resolution 2,689 of the National Monetary Council Regulations, described immediately below.

Resolution 2,689, which as of March 31, 2000 superseded the Annex IV Regulations that previously provided tax benefits to foreign investors, extends favorable tax treatment to a U.S. holder or non-Brazilian

holder of preferred shares who has (i) appointed a representative in Brazil with power to take action relating to the investment in preferred shares, (ii) registered as a foreign investor with the CVM and (iii) registered its investment in preferred shares with the Central Bank. Under Resolution 2,689 securities held by foreign investors must be maintained under the custody of, or in deposit accounts with, financial institutions duly authorized by the Central Bank and the CVM. In addition, the trading of securities is restricted under Resolution 2,689 to transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges or qualified over-the-counter markets. The preferential treatment generally afforded under Resolution 2,689 and afforded to investors in ADSs is not available to residents of tax havens. All preferred shares underlying ADSs qualify under Resolution 2,689.

There can be no assurance that the current preferential treatment for U.S. holders and non-Brazilian holders of ADSs and U.S. holders and non-Brazilian holders of preferred shares under Resolution 2,689 will be maintained.

Gain on the disposition of preferred shares is measured by the difference between the amount in Brazilian currency realized on the sale or exchange and the acquisition cost of the shares sold, measured in Brazilian currency, without any correction for inflation. Although there is controversy surrounding this issue, there are arguments to sustain the position that the acquisition cost of shares registered as an investment with the Central Bank is calculated on the basis of the foreign currency amount registered with the Central Bank. See Registered Capital.

Gains realized by a U.S. holder and non-Brazilian holder upon the redemption of preferred shares will be treated as gains from the disposition of such preferred shares to a Brazilian resident occurring off of a stock exchange and will accordingly be subject to be taxed at a rate of 15%. In case the non-Brazilian holder is domiciled in a tax haven jurisdiction, the applicable rate would be 25%.

As of January 1, 2005, the purchase price of preferred shares sold on the Brazilian stock exchange is subject to withholding tax at a rate of 0.005%, except in the case of non-Brazilian holders who invest through Resolution No. 2,689. This tax may be offset against the 15% income tax due on the gains realized upon the sale of the shares.

Any exercise of preemptive rights relating to the preferred shares or ADSs will not be subject to Brazilian taxation. Gains on the sale or assignment of preemptive rights relating to the preferred shares will be treated differently for Brazilian tax purposes depending on (i) whether the sale or assignment is made by the depositary or the investor and (ii) whether the transaction takes place on a Brazilian stock exchange. Gains on sales or assignments made by the depositary on a Brazilian stock exchange are not taxed in Brazil, but gains on other sales or assignments may be subject to tax at rates up to 15%.

The deposit of preferred shares in exchange for the ADSs is not subject to Brazilian income tax if the preferred shares are registered under Resolution 2,689 and the respective holder is not in a tax-haven jurisdiction. If the preferred shares are not so registered or the holder is in a tax-haven jurisdiction, the deposit of preferred shares in exchange for ADSs may be subject to Brazilian capital gains tax at a rate of 15%.

The withdrawal of preferred shares in exchange for ADSs is not subject to Brazilian tax. Upon receipt of the underlying preferred shares, a U.S. holder or non-Brazilian holder entitled to benefits under Resolution 2,689 will be entitled to register the U.S. dollar value of such shares with the Central Bank as described above, under Registered Capital. If a U.S. holder or non-Brazilian holder does not qualify under Resolution 2,689, he will be subject to the less favorable tax treatment described above in respect of exchanges of preferred shares. Brazil s tax treaties do not grant relief from taxes on gains realized on sales or exchanges of preferred shares.

1. Beneficiaries Residing or Domiciled in Tax Havens or Low-Tax Jurisdictions

Law No. 9,779, dated as of January 19, 1999, states that, with the exception of limited circumstances, any income derived from operations by a beneficiary that resides or is domiciled in a country considered to be a tax

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haven is subject to income tax to be withheld by the source at a rate of 25%. Accordingly, if the distribution of interest attributed to shareholders, equity is made to a beneficiary residing or domiciled in a tax haven, the applicable income tax will be at a rate of 25%, instead of 15%. The increased rate also applies for capital gains paid to residents of low-tax jurisdictions as of February 2004.

In accordance with Law No. 9,959, non-Brazilian holders of ADSs or preferred shares who are residents of tax havens have been excluded from the tax incentives granted to holders of ADSs and investors under Resolution No. 2,689 since January 1, 2000 and are subject to the same tax treatment applicable to holders who are residents of or domiciled in Brazil.

### 2. Other Brazilian Taxes

There are no Brazilian inheritance, gift or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposition of preferred shares or ADSs by a non-Brazilian holder except for gift and inheritance taxes levied by some states in Brazil on gifts made or inheritances bestowed by individuals or entities not resident or domiciled in Brazil or in the relevant state to individuals or entities who are resident or domiciled within this state in Brazil. There are no Brazilian stamp, issue, registration, or similar taxes or duties payable by holders of preferred shares or ADSs.

A financial transaction tax, or the IOF tax, may be imposed on a variety of transactions, including the conversion of Brazilian currency into foreign currency (e.g., for purposes of paying dividends and interest). The IOF tax rate on such conversions is currently 0%, but the Minister of Finance has the legal power to increase the rate to a maximum of 25%. Any increase will be applicable only prospectively.

The IOF may also be levied on transactions involving bonds or securities, or IOF/*Títulos*, even if the transactions are effected on Brazilian stock, futures or commodities exchanges. The rate of the IOF/*Títulos* with respect to preferred shares and ADSs is currently 0%. The Minister of Finance, however, has the legal power to increase the rate to a maximum of 1.5% of the amount of the taxed transaction per each day of the investor s holding period, but only to the extent of gain realized on the transaction and only on a prospective basis.

In addition to the IOF tax, a second, temporary tax that applies to the removal of funds from accounts at banks and other financial institutions, the CPMF tax, will be imposed on distributions in respect of ADSs at the time these distributions are converted into U.S. dollars and remitted abroad by the Custodian. The CPMF tax is due to expire on December 31, 2007. It is currently imposed at a rate of 0.38%. Transactions conducted through the Brazilian stock exchanges in current accounts specified for stock exchange transactions have been exempt from the CPMF tax since July 13, 2002. Additionally, as of August 2004, Brazilian holders may elect to make investments through a special investment account, which is exempt from CPMF. In this case, the tax only applies upon the transfer of funds from the banking account to the investment account. Once deposited in this account, funds may be withdrawn without the CPMF. However, funds deposited in the investment account must only be used for investments.

### U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following discussion is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our preferred shares or our ADSs by U.S. Holders, as defined below. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (referred to herein as the Code), final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, administrative pronouncements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect), and to different interpretations. It is also based in part on representations by the depositary and assumes that each obligation under the Deposit Agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms. This discussion deals only with preferred shares and ADSs held as capital assets (generally, for investment purposes). It does not discuss all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a U.S. Holder in light of the U.S. Holder s particular circumstances or to U.S. Holders subject to special rules, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, dealers in securities or foreign currencies,

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partnerships and other pass-through entities, investors liable for the alternative minimum tax, persons who hold preferred shares or ADSs as part of an integrated investment (including a hedge, straddle or conversion transaction) comprised of a preferred share or ADS and one or more other positions for tax purposes, persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, persons who actually or constructively own (directly or indirectly) 10% or more of our voting stock or persons who acquired preferred shares or ADSs pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation. Holders of preferred shares or ADSs should consult their own tax advisors with regard to the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

As used herein, the term U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of preferred shares or ADSs that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (1) a citizen or individual resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) organized under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof or (3) an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source. The U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in a partnership that holds our preferred shares or ADSs will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners in such partnerships should consult their own tax advisors.

THE SUMMARY OF U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES SET OUT BELOW IS INTENDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF PREFERRED SHARES OR ADSs ARE URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF ACQUIRING, OWNING OR DISPOSING OF PREFERRED SHARES OR ADSs, INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. AND OTHER TAX LAWS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TAX LAWS.

#### General

In general, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holders of American depositary receipts evidencing ADSs will be treated as the beneficial owners of the preferred shares represented by those ADSs. Accordingly, such holders will not recognize gain or loss upon the exchange of ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury Department has expressed concerns that parties to whom depositary shares such as the ADSs are released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits by U.S. Holders of the ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate holders. Accordingly, the analysis of the creditability of Brazilian taxes and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom the ADSs are released.

# Taxation of Distributions

Distributions made by us of cash or property (including distributions of interest on capital) generally will constitute a taxable dividend to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. The full amount of any dividend paid in respect of our preferred shares or ADSs (including the amount of Brazilian withholding taxes imposed on such dividend) will be included in the gross income of a U.S. Holder, as ordinary income from sources outside the United States, at the time that the dividend is received by the U.S. Holder, in the case of our preferred shares, or by the depositary, in the case of ADSs. Subject to applicable limitations and the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. dollar amount of dividends received by an individual prior to January 1, 2009, with respect to the ADSs will be subject to taxation at a maximum rate of 15%, if the dividends represent qualified dividend income. Dividends paid on the ADSs will be treated as qualified dividend income if (i) the ADSs are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States and (ii) we were not in the year prior to the year in which the dividend was paid, and are not in the year in which the dividend is paid, a passive foreign

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investment company ( PFIC ). The ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and may qualify as readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States for so long as they are so listed. However, no assurances can be given that the ADSs will be or remain readily tradable. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of this legislation in their particular circumstances.

The amount of any dividend paid in *reais* will be included in a U.S. Holder s income in a U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the spot rate for converting *reais* into U.S. dollars in effect on the date that the dividend is received by the U.S. Holder, in the case of our preferred shares, or by the depositary, in the case of ADSs, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. If the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder generally should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend income. A U.S. Holder may have foreign currency gain or loss if the Holder does not convert the amount of such dividend into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the calculation and U.S. federal income tax treatment of foreign currency gain or loss. Dividends paid by us will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code. The amount of a dividend will include any amounts withheld by us or our paying agent in respect of Brazilian taxes.

Subject to applicable limitations that may vary depending upon a U.S. Holder s circumstances and subject to the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, a U.S. Holder will be entitled to a foreign tax credit against its U.S. federal income tax liability for Brazilian income taxes withheld by us. The limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is determined separately with respect to specific classes of income. The rules relating to the calculation of foreign tax credits and the applicable limitations are complex. U.S. Holders should consult their own advisors concerning the implications of the foreign tax credit rules in light of their particular circumstances. Instead of claiming a credit, a U.S. Holder may, at its election, deduct such otherwise creditable Brazilian taxes in computing its U.S. federal taxable income, subject to generally applicable limitations under U.S. law.

Sale or Other Disposition of Preferred Shares or ADSs

Upon a sale or other taxable disposition of preferred shares or ADSs, a U.S. Holder will recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized on the sale or other taxable disposition and the U.S. Holder s adjusted tax basis in the preferred shares or ADSs. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder s holding period in the preferred shares or ADSs exceeds one year at the time of the sale or other taxable disposition.

Gain or loss derived from the sale or other disposition of our preferred shares or ADSs generally will be treated as U.S. source income or loss for foreign tax credit purposes. Consequently, if a Brazilian withholding tax is imposed on the sale or disposition of preferred shares or ADSs, and a U.S. Holder does not receive significant foreign source income from other sources, such U.S. Holder may not be able to derive effective U.S. foreign tax credit benefits in respect of such Brazilian withholding tax. If a Brazilian tax is withheld on the sale or disposition of preferred shares or ADSs, a U.S. Holder s amount realized will include the gross amount of the proceeds of such sale or disposition before deduction of the Brazilian tax. See Brazilian Tax Considerations Taxation of Gains for a description of when a disposition may be subject to taxation by Brazil.

### **Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules**

We believe that we will not be considered a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes in the foreseeable future. However, because PFIC status depends upon the composition of our income and assets (including, among others, less than 25% owned equity investments) from time to time, there can be no assurance that the preferred shares or ADSs will not be considered shares of a PFIC for any taxable year. If we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder held a preferred share or ADS, certain adverse consequences could apply to the U.S. Holder, including the imposition of

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a higher tax rate than would otherwise apply to a U.S. Holder and additional tax form filing requirements. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the consequences to them if we were considered to be a PFIC, as well as the availability and advisability of making an election to avoid the adverse United States federal income tax consequences of PFIC status should we be classified as a PFIC for any taxable year. Moreover, as described above, dividends on our ADSs would no longer be qualified dividend income subject to preferential rates of U.S. federal income tax if we are a PFIC.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payment of dividends and sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting and to backup withholding unless (i) you are a corporation or other exempt recipient, or (ii) in the case of backup withholding, you provide a correct taxpayer identification number and certify that you are not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. Holder will be allowed as a credit against such U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, and may entitle such U.S. Holder to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

U.S. HOLDERS AND PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF OUR PREFERRED SHARES OR ADSs SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE BRAZILIAN, U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR PREFERRED SHARES OR ADSs BASED UPON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

# F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

# G. Statement of Experts

Not applicable.

# H. Documents on Display

We are subject to the information requirements of the Exchange Act, except that, as a foreign issuer, we are not subject to the proxy rules or the short swing profit disclosure rules of the Exchange Act. In accordance with these statutory requirements, we file or furnish reports and other information with the Commission. Reports and other information filed or furnished by us with the Commission may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, and at the Commission s Regional Offices at 233 Broadway, New York, New York 10279 and Northwestern Atrium Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661 2511. Copies of such material may be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may also inspect these reports and other information at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, on which our ADSs are listed.

In addition, the Commission maintains a website that contains information filed electronically, which can be accessed over the Internet at http://www.sec.gov.

We also file financial statements and other periodic reports with the CVM. Copies of our annual report on Form 20-F and documents referred to in this annual report and our by-laws will be available for inspection upon request at our offices at Avenida Doutor Chucri Zaidan, 860, 04583 110, São Paulo, SP, Brazil.

### I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

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### ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in both foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk because certain of our costs (mostly interest on debt, capital expenditures and the purchase of handsets) are all or partially denominated in currencies (primarily the U.S. dollar and the Yen) other than those in which we earn revenues (primarily the real). Similarly, we are subject to market risk resulting from changes in interest rates that may affect the cost of our financing.

We have entered into derivative instruments, such as foreign currency swaps to manage the exchange rate risk. We do not hold or issue derivative or other financial instruments for trading purposes.

### **Exchange Rate Risk**

The principal foreign exchange rate risk faced by us arises from our U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and UMBNDES denominated indebtedness. At December 31, 2005, we had US\$1,164.0 million and \(\frac{\pmathbf{2}}{2},508.9\) of indebtedness. Our revenues are earned almost entirely in *reais* and we have no material U.S. dollar-denominated assets (except for our hedge contracts). At December 31, 2005, all of our U.S. dollar-denominated indebtedness and other foreign exchange liabilities were covered by long positions of hedging agreements. Under those derivative agreements, our subsidiaries U.S. dollar, Japanese yen and UMBNDES-denominated obligations are swapped for real-denominated obligations bearing interest at rates linked to the Certificado de Depósito Interfinanceiro (Interbank Deposit Certificate), or CDI. At December 31, 2005, our outstanding hedging positions covered approximately 99.6% of our foreign currency-denominated financial indebtedness and other liabilities. We are following up on market conditions and will eventually unwind the position and/or apply it to other foreign currency-denominated commitments, such as liabilities with suppliers and management fee. At December 31, 2005, we recorded financial expense from foreign currency derivative transactions of R\\$941.1 million against financial income from monetary and foreign exchange variations of R\\$377.9 million.

Our foreign currency-denominated debt produced a gain of R\$377.9 million in 2005 a gain of R\$306.9 million in 2004 and a gain of R\$368.4 million in 2003. This was offset by our derivatives, which produced a loss of R\$941.1 million in 2005, a loss of R\$913.8 million in 2004 and a loss of R\$873.2 million in 2003. The unrealized costs, net of unrealized gains on foreign exchange derivatives contracts was R\$310.1 at December 31, 2005. The unrealized costs, net of unrealized gains on foreign exchange and interest rates derivatives contracts was R\$26.9 million at December 31, 2004. The unrealized gains, net of unrealized costs on foreign exchange derivatives contracts was R\$1,002.8 million at December 31, 2003.

The potential loss to us over one year that would have resulted from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change of 1000 basis points in the foreign exchange applicable to financial assets and liabilities on December 31, 2005 would be approximately R\$324.9 million. On the other hand, our derivative instruments would have a gross gain of R\$323.6 million. The net loss would be R\$1.2 million.

Exchange rate sensitivity analysis was made by applying a 10% change to the Brazilian Central Bank exchange rate on December 31, 2005 of R\$2.3407 to U.S. \$1.00, which would represent a devaluation of the real of R\$0.234. We then assumed that this unfavorable currency shift would be sustained from December 31, 2005 through December 31, 2006. The foreign exchange loss that affects financial expenses was calculated by applying such devaluation to our indebtedness and foreign exchange purchase commitments, net of derivative instruments.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of an investment of cash and cash equivalents mainly in short-term real-denominated instruments. At December 31, 2005, this amount totaled R\$940.3 million.

Additionally, we are exposed to interest rate risk as a consequence of our floating rate debt in U.S. dollars and due to the nature of our derivative agreements, whereby our U.S. dollar and Yen-denominated obligations are swapped into real-denominated obligations bearing interest linked to the CDI.

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At December 31, 2005, we had R\$5,193.0 million in loans and financing outstanding, of which approximately R\$2.9 billion bore interest at fixed rates and approximately R\$2.3 billion bore interest at floating rates of interest (primarily LIBOR, CDI, IGPM, TJLP-based and UMBNDES coupons). Loans and financing in foreign currency are mainly denominated in U.S. dollars and yen, and bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 0% to 12.4% per annum, or are subject to variable interest from 1.75% to 5.0% per annum above LIBOR. On a swapped basis the cost of funding in *reais* is in line with market conditions taking into account the country risk and is equivalent to approximately from 100% to 110.0% of CDI. At December 31, 2005 the CDI rate was 17.99%. We hedged against the risk of interest rates increasing (LIBOR) at the amount of R\$280.9 million (face value).

We have financing in local currency with *Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social* BNDES subject to a variable interest rate of 3.5% and 4.6% above the TJLP.

The potential loss to us over one year that would have resulted from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change of 100 basis points in the interest rate applicable to financial assets and liabilities on December 31, 2005, would be approximately R\$46.7 million. The above sensitivity analysis is based on the assumption of an unfavorable 100 basis points increase in the interest rates applicable to each homogeneous category of financial assets and liabilities and sustained over a period of one year. A homogeneous category is defined according to the currency in which financial assets and liabilities are denominated, and assumes the same interest rate movement within each homogeneous category, such as U.S. dollars. As a result, our interest rate risk sensitivity model may overstate the impact of interest rate fluctuations for such financial instruments, as consistently unfavorable movements of all interest rates are unlikely.

Interest rate sensitivity was calculated by applying a 10% increase to all floating-rate-denominated debt, assuming that the different indexes (CDI, TJLP, IGPM, LIBOR and UMBNDES coupons) would all rise by 10% instantaneously on December 31, 2005, and that this unfavorable move would continue for one year.

ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES Not applicable.

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#### PART II

ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

None.

ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS None.

### ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2005. Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that these controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that all material information required to be filed in this annual report has been made known to them in a timely fashion. Our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission s rules and forms and are effective in ensuring that information to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal controls. A number of processes and systems are currently being changed in order to unify the operations of the various entities making up Vivo. An action plan is being implemented in order to comply with the best practices within the industry. However, these changes will not significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of evaluation and do not constitute corrective action with regard to material weaknesses as a result of the evaluation. We have made no change to our internal control over financial reporting in the fourth fiscal quarter in 2005 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 16. [RESERVED]

# ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

At the Board of Directors meeting on July 29, 2005, our Directors determined and designated that Luiz Kaufmann is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of this Item 16A.

### ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

In May 2005, we implemented a Code of Ethics and Conduct for all employees. The Code s objective is to promote the fulfillment of policies, regulations and other applicable rules with honesty, accuracy and ethics. It applies to all employees and/or persons exercising similar functions in the Company and sets forth the consequences and responsibilities for non-compliance. TCP executives have pledged to fulfill the directions of their superiors and applicable rules, policies, directions and legislation and to cause their subordinates to do the same, and also to make the necessary clarifications and communications, so that the Code s principles and values can be practiced by all those involved.

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#### ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes*, or Deloitte, acted as our independent auditor for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004. The chart below sets forth the total amount billed to us by Deloitte for services performed in the years 2005 and 2004, and breaks down these amounts by category of service:

	For year ended	December 31,
	2005	2004
	(in thousan	ds of <i>reais</i> )
Audit fees	1,867	1,370
Audit-related fees	1,122	344
Tax fees	34	27
All other fees		
Total	3,023	1,741

### **Audit Fees**

Audit fees are the aggregate fees billed by Deloitte for the audit of our consolidated and annual financial statements, reviews of interim financial statements and attestation services that are provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

#### **Audit Related Fees**

Audit-related fees are fees charged by Deloitte for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements services associated with our bond offering in 2005.

### Tax Fees

Tax fees are fees for professional services rendered by Deloitte for tax compliance services.

### Pre Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee approves all audit, audit-related services, tax services and other services provided by Deloitte. Any services provided by Deloitte that are not specifically included within the scope of the audit must be pre-approved by the audit committee prior to any engagement. The audit committee is permitted to approve certain fees for audit-related services, tax services and other services pursuant to a *de minimis* exception before the completion of the engagement. In 2005 and 2004, none of the fees paid to Deloitte were approved pursuant to the *de minimis* exception.

# ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES None

ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS None

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#### PART III

#### ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Not applicable.

### ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

See our consolidated financial statements beginning on Page F-1.

### ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

- 1.1 Bylaws (Estatuto Social) of Vivo Participações S.A. English translation.(1)
- 2.1 Deposit Agreement dated as of July 21, 1998, as amended and restated as of November 16, 1998, and as further amended and restated as of April 22, 1999.(2)
- 2.2 Note Purchase Agreement relating to the issuance by *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.* of 416,050,488.19 of floating rate notes due 2004, dated November 28, 2001, among Portugal Telecom International Finance B.V., *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.* and Citibank N.A. London.(3)
- 2.3 Agency Agreement relating to the issuance by *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.* of 416,050,488.19 of floating rate notes due 2004, dated November 28, 2001, among Citibank N.A. London and *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.*(3)
- 4.1 Authorization Term of the Personal Mobile Service entered by ANATEL and *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.* English translation.(4)
- 4.2 Authorization Term of the Personal Mobile Service entered by ANATEL and Global Telecom S.A. English translation(4)
- 4.3 Authorization Term of the Personal Mobile Service entered by ANATEL and *Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A.* English translation(4)
- 4.4 Consulting Agreement (*instrumento Particular de Prestação de Serviços de Consultoria*) dated as of January 7, 1999, between *Telesp Celular S.A.*, and Portugal Telecom S.A., currently Portugal Telecom S.G.P.S. S.A.(5)
- 4.5 Shareholders Agreement dated as of February 6, 2001, among DDI Corporation, *Inepar Telecomunicações S.A.*, ITX Corporation and *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.*(5)
- 4.6 First Amendment to the Shareholders Agreement of Global Telecom S.A. dated August 14, 2001, among *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.*, KDDI Corporation (formerly known as DDI Corporation), Inepar Telecomunicações S.A. and ITX Corporation together with an English translation(5)
- 4.8 Supply Agreement (*Contrato de Fornecimento*) dated as of August 27, 2001, between Global Telecom S.A. and Motorola do Brasil Ltda. English summary.(5)
- 4.9 Financing Agreement (*Contrato de Financiamento*) dated July 19, 2001, among the Brazilian Social and Economic Development Bank (Lender), Global Telecom S.A. (Borrower) and *Telesp Celular S.A.* (Guarantor) English summary.(5)
- 4.10 Financing Agreement (*Contrato de Financiamento*) dated July 19, 2001, among *Banco Bradesco S.A.* and *Banco Alfa de Investimento S.A.* (Lenders) and Global Telecom S.A. (Borrower) and *Telesp Celular S.A.* (Guarantor) English summary.(5)
- 4.11 Protocol of Merger of Shares and Merger of Companies and Instrument of Justification among *Telesp Celular Participações S.A.*, and *Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A.*, *Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A.*, *Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A.* and *Celular CRT Participações S.A.* dated December 4, 2005.(1)
- 6.1 Statement regarding computation of per share earnings.(6)

- 8.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- 12.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 12.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 13.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 13.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (1) Incorporated by reference to our Form F-4 filed with the Commission on December 16, 2005.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to our registration statement on Form F-6 filed on April 20, 1999 (File No. 333-9514).
- (3) Incorporated by reference to our annual report Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, filed on June 21, 2002.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to our annual report Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, filed on June 24, 2003.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to our annual report Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, filed on June 21, 2002.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to note 38(i) to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this annual report).

There are omitted from the exhibits filed with or incorporated by reference into this annual report, certain promissory notes and other instruments and agreements with respect to our long-term debt, none of which authorizes securities in a total amount that exceeds 10% of our total assets. We hereby agree to furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission copies of any such omitted promissory notes or other instruments or agreements as the Commission requests.

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### **SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Roberto Oliveira de Lima

Name: Roberto Oliveira de Lima
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Ernesto Gardelliano

Name: Ernesto Gardelliano
Title: Executive Vice President of Finance,

Planning and Control and Investor Relations Officer

Date: April 7, 2006

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# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

# (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

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### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Management of

Telesp Celular Participações S.A.

(Vivo Participações S.A. from February 22, 2006)

São Paulo SP

- (1) We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Telesp Celular Participações S.A. (Vivo Participações S.A. from February 22, 2006) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of loss, changes in shareholders equity and changes in financial position for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.
- (2) We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatements. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
- (3) In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Telesp Celular Participações S.A. (Vivo Participações S.A. from February 22, 2006) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and changes in their financial position for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting practices adopted in Brazil.
- (4) Accounting practices adopted in Brazil vary in certain significant respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Information relating to the nature and effect of such differences is presented in Note 36 to the consolidated financial statements.
- (5) Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The consolidated statements of cash flow for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Auditores Independentes

São Paulo, Brazil.

April 05, 2006.

# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

# (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, unless otherwise indicated)

			December 31,	
	Note	2005	2004	
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents		855,751	1,180,858	
Short-term investments pledged as collateral	4	166,395		
Trade accounts receivable, net	5	1,775,409	1,483,819	
Inventories	6	258,755	455,312	
Advances to suppliers		18,273	52,878	
Recoverable taxes	7	471,128	633,357	
Deferred income tax	29c	477,987	237,924	
Prepaid expenses	8	187,276	157,235	
Derivative contracts	10	300,662	7,804	
Other current assets	9	116,466	154,164	
Total current assets		4,628,102	4,363,351	
NONCURRENT ASSETS				
Recoverable taxes	7	484,205	297,804	
Deferred income tax	29c	868,568	1,099,357	
Derivative contracts	10	5,354	385,296	
Prepaid expenses	8	25,030	36,119	
Other noncurrent assets	9	54,554	74,177	
Total noncurrent assets		1,437,711	1,892,753	
PERMANENT ASSETS				
Goodwill	11	1,550,101	2,054,963	
Goodwill on merged subsidiary, net	13	41,431	49,857	
Property, plant and equipment, net	12	5,993,409	5,603,003	
Deferred assets, net	14	135,869	174,008	
Others		110	1,464	
Total permanent assets		7,720,920	7,883,295	
TOTAL ASSETS		13,786,733	14,139,399	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

# (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004 (Continued)

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	December 31, 2005 2004	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY AND FUNDS FOR CAPITALIZATION	Note	2003	2004
CURRENT LIABILITIES  CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payroll and related accruals	15	105,106	104,327
Trade accounts payable	16	1,536,277	1,692,532
Taxes payable	17	403,210	343,367
Loans and financing	18	1,546,935	2,896,102
Interest on shareholders equity and dividends	10	51,771	82,281
Reserve for contingencies	20	170,988	124,296
Derivative contracts	10	321,686	266,200
Deferred service revenue		121,865	102,158
Other liabilities	19	93,420	32,537
	17	73,120	32,337
Total current liabilities		4,351,258	5,643,800
Total current naomities		4,331,236	3,043,800
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NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	10	2 (4( 102	2.067.071
Loans and financing	18	3,646,102	2,067,071
Reserve for contingencies	20	207,637	195,434
Taxes payable	17	169,578	189,341
Derivative contracts	10	294,416	153,835
Other liabilities	19	44,086	39,393
Total noncurrent liabilities		4,361,819	2,645,074
ADMANGE FOR FUTURE CARITAL INCREASE			1 000 042
ADVANCE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL INCREASE			1,999,942
MINORITY INTEREST		1,058,189	942,924
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Capital stock	21a	6,670,152	4,373,661
Capital reserve		793,396	1,089,879
Accumulated deficit		(3,448,359)	(2,556,159)
Total shareholders equity		4,015,189	2,907,381
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FUNDS FOR CAPITALIZATION		278	278
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		13,786,733	14,139,399

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

### (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, except per share amounts)

	Note	2005	Years ended December 31, 2004	2003
NET OPERATING REVENUE	22	7,473,066	7,341,027	6,046,377
Cost of services and goods sold	23	(3,357,505)	(3,326,202)	(3,020,533)
GROSS PROFIT		4,115,561	4,014,825	3,025,844
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Selling expenses	24	(2,626,546)	(1,909,311)	(1,264,873)
General and administrative expenses	25	(659,355)	(620,591)	(561,302)
Other operating expenses, net	26	(343,024)	(169,899)	(145,047)
		(3,628,925)	(2,699,801)	(1,971,222)
OPERATING INCOME BEFORE NET FINANCIAL EXPENSES		486,636	1,315,024	1,054,622
NET FINANCIAL EXPENSES	27	(917,614)	(1,095,402)	(1,133,504)
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(430,978)	219,622	(78,882)
Net Nonoperating expenses	28	(65,318)	(51,184)	(25,658)
NET (LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION TAXES AND				
MINORITY INTEREST		(496,296)	168,438	(104,540)
Income and social contribution taxes	29	(246,066)	(327,060)	(277,945)
Minority interest		(166,884)	(331,522)	(257,749)
NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR		(909,246)	(490,144)	(640,234)
Shares outstanding at December 31 (thousands)		662,325	1,171,784,352	1,171,784,352
LOSS PER SHARES OUTSTANDING AT THE BALANCE SHEET DATE (Brazilian reais)		(1.3728)(1)	(0.00042)(1)	(0.00055)(1)
DITTE (Diaminia Pouts)		(1.3720)(1)	(0.00012)(1)	(0.00033)(1)

<sup>(1)</sup> On April 1, 2005, the shareholders approved a reverse stock split in the proportion of 2,500 (two thousand five hundred) shares to 1 (one) share of the same class. Had the reverse stock split occurred on December 31, 2004 and 2003, shares outstanding and loss per share for the year ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 would have amounted to 468,713,741 and R\$1.0457 and R\$1.3659, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

# (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, unless otherwise indicated)

		Capital 1 Special	reserve		
	Capital stock	goodwill reserve	Share premium	Accumulated deficit	Total
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2002	4,373,661	968,086	99,710	(1,431,500)	4,009,957
Unclaimed dividends declared in 1999				1,355	1,355
Adjustment of income and social contribution tax rates on special premium reserve		22,083			22,083
Net loss for the year				(640,234)	(640,234)
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2003	4,373,661	990,169	99,710	(2,070,379)	3,393,161
Unclaimed dividends				4,364	4,364
Net loss for the year				(490,144)	(490,144)
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2004	4,373,661	990,169	99,710	(2,556,159)	2,907,381
Capital increase Special Shareholders Meeting of January 7, 2005	2,053,896	(53,896)			2,000,000
Capital increase Special Shareholders Meeting of July 31, 2005	242,595	(242,595)			
Premium paid on acquisition of fractional shares			8		8
Net loss for the year				(909,246)	(909,246)
Consolidation adjustments:					
Donations received by subsidiaries				9,159	9,159
Tax incentives				7,887	7,887
BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2005	6,670,152	693,678	99,718	(3,448,359)	4,015,189

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

# (VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, unless otherwise indicated)

	Years 2005	er 31, 2003	
SOURCES OF FUNDS:			
From operations:			
Net Loss	(909,246)	(490,144)	(640,234)
Items not affecting working capital			
Depreciation and amortization	1,174,599	1,056,568	1,124,620
Depreciation of shared systems	1,080		
Minority interest	166,884	331,522	257,749
Monetary and exchange variations on noncurrent items, net	(253,207)	39,467	80,011
Net book value of permanent asset disposals	38,136	58,030	42,690
Reserve for contingencies	3,251	16,034	(56,165)
Reserve for pension and other post-retirement benefit plans	125	(2,831)	1,373
Gain on extinguishments of liabilities	(7,425)		
Deferred taxes		(10,283)	46,440
Loss (gain) on investment in subsidiaries	15,830	1,271	
Income taxes		2,743	
Gain on derivative contracts	363,712	88,883	15,755
Goodwill amortization	377,886	217,307	96,111
Total from operations	971,625	1,308,567	968,350
From shareholders:			
Capital increase	58		
Advances for future capital increases		1,999,942	
Reserves	8		
From third parties:			
Loans and financing	2,288,542	1,240,563	1,907,238
Transfer from noncurrent to current assets	307,348	219,873	1,329,554
Unclaimed dividends		4,364	1,355
Transfer from permanent to current assets	5,276	1,282	
Effect on working capital arising from consolidation of TCO			744,716
Increase in noncurrent taxes payable			58,334
Decrease deferred and recoverable taxes	66,017		
Decrease in noncurrent assets	21,506		
Transfer from derivatives to current assets	311,395		
Total sources	3,971,775	4,774,591	5,009,547
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# TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(VIVO PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

# ${\bf CONSOLIDATED\ STATEMENTS\ OF\ CHANGES\ IN\ FINANCIAL\ POSITION\ \ (Continued)}$

# FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, unless otherwise indicated)

	Years e	Years ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003	
USES OF FUNDS				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	1,546,065	1,392,048 &	&nbs	