

GOLDEN TELECOM INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Subbotin Alexey

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2831 29TH STREET, NW
 (Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/05/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Director, Investor Relations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Acquisition of Common Stock	07/05/2007		M		5,000 A \$ 23.71	5,000	D
Sale of Common Stock	07/05/2007		S		5,000 D \$ 53.80	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 23.71	07/05/2007		M	5,000	<u>(2)</u> 08/01/2011	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Subbotin Alexey 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008			Director, Investor Relations	

Signatures

/s/ Alexey Subbotin
07/09/2007
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 Owing to ambiguities and inconsistencies in the legislation of the countries in which some of the Issuer's employees live, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors decided not to issue stock to the Issuer's Russian employees, including Mr. Subbotin. Instead, as part of the Issuer's key employee incentive and retention policy, the Issuer established the Golden Telecom Incentive Bonus Program, whereby the Issuer issues stock to a trust in numbers corresponding to the level of financial incentive the Issuer wishes to award its eligible employees. When eligible employees, including Mr. Subbotin, desire and are eligible to receive the economic benefits of the stock, they inform the Issuer and the Issuer, in turn, advises the trustee, who sells an appropriate number for contribution to the trust. Upon request of the Issuer and the employee, the funds available in the trust may be disbursed to eligible employees in the form of incentive bonuses.
- (2) 5,000 shares are fully vested. The remaining shares will vest in increments of 5,000 each on August 1, 2007, August 1, 2008 and August 1, 2009, respectively.

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