

TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR PARTICIPACOES

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

Under

SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR
PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.**

(Name of Subject Company)

**TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR
PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.**

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Preferred shares, without par value

**American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by
American Depositary Receipts),
each representing 3,000 preferred shares**
(Title of Class of Securities)

87923P105 (American Depositary Shares)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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*(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive
notices and communications on behalf of the person filing statement)*

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Statement on Schedule 14D-9 relates to an offer by Telesp Celular Participações S.A., a corporation organized under the laws of the Federal Republic of Brazil, (the "TCP"), to purchase for cash up to 84,252,534,000 preferred shares of Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., a corporation organized under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil, or "TCO," at a price of R\$10.70 per 1,000 preferred shares without interest, net of applicable stock exchange and settlement fees, brokerage fees or commissions and withholding taxes, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by TCP, Brasilcel N.V., Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A., PT Móveis, SGPS, S.A. and Telefónica Móviles, S.A. (the "Offerors") on September 1, 2004 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 1. *Subject Company Information*

(a) *Name and address.* The name of the subject company is Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., the address of its principal executive offices is Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A., SCS Quadra 2, Bloco C, 226, Edifício Telebrasília Celular 7 andar, Brasília, D.F., Brazil, 70319-900 and the company's phone number is (55) 61-3962-7001.

(b) *Securities.* The information set forth in Introduction and Section 10 Certain Information About the Shares of the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2. *Identity and Background of Filing Person*

(a) *Name and address.* The filing person is the subject company. The business address and business telephone number of the filing person is set forth above in Item 1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Tender offer.* The information set forth in Introduction and Section 11 Certain Information About TCP, TCO and Their Parent Companies of the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. *Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements*

(d) *Conflicts of Interest.* The information set forth in Section 12 Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Certain Controlling Persons; Transactions and Arrangements of the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. *The Solicitation or Recommendation*

(a) *Solicitation or recommendation.* The board of Directors of TCO is not making a recommendation regarding the tender offer and is expressing no opinion of, and is remaining neutral toward, the tender offer.

(b) *Reasons for the Recommendation.* The information set forth in Section 2 Purpose of the Offer in the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Intent to Tender.* The information set forth in Section 1 Terms of the Tender Offer; Expiration Date and Qualification Date in the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. *Persons/ Assets Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used*

(a) *Solicitations or recommendations.* Not applicable.

Item 6. *Interest in Securities of the Subject Company*

(b) *Securities transactions.* The information set forth in Section 12 Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Certain Controlling Persons; Transactions and Arrangements of the offer to purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals

(d) *Subject company negotiations.* Not applicable.

Item 8. Additional Information

(b) *Other material information.* None.

Item 9. Exhibits

The following Exhibits are filed herewith:

- (a)(1)(A) Offer to purchase dated September 1, 2004, incorporated by reference from Exhibit (a)(1)(A) to the tender offer statement on Schedule TO filed by the Offerors on the date hereof (SEC File No. 005-60699).
- (a)(1)(B) Announcement to shareholders (edital) dated September 1, 2004, incorporated by reference from Exhibit (a)(1)(E) to the tender offer statement on Schedule TO filed by the Offerors on the date hereof (SEC File No. 005-60699).
- (a)(5)(A) Summary advertisement dated September 1, 2004, incorporated by reference from Exhibit (a)(5)(A) to the tender offer statement on Schedule TO filed by the Offerors on the date hereof (SEC File No. 005-60699).
- (a)(5)(B) Notice of material fact (*fato relevante*) dated August 25, 2004, incorporated herein by reference to the pre-commencement communication filed by the Offerors under cover of Schedule TO on August 27, 2004 (Exhibit 1.1) (SEC File No. 005-60699).
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