

BRASIL TELECOM SA
Form 6-K
January 12, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2004

(Commission File No. 1-15256)

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

BRAZIL TELECOM COMPANY

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**SIA Sul, Área de Serviços Públicos, Lote D, Bloco B
Brasília, D.F., 71.215-000
Federative Republic of Brazil**

(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

CNPJ Corporate Taxpayer Identification 76.535.764/0001-43

Board of Trade NIRE 53 3 0000622-9

Publicly Traded Company

BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

CNPJ Corporate Taxpayer Identification 02.570.688/0001-70

Board of Trade NIRE 53 3 0000581 8

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MATERIAL FACT

Brasil Telecom Participações S.A. (BTP) and Brasil Telecom S.A. (BT), as pursuant to what was determined by Comissão de Valores Mobiliários CVM (Brazilian Exchange Commission) on the Letter Ofício/CVM/SEP/GEA-2 n° 505/03, and according to CVM s Instruction 358, from January 3, 2002, inform that the Board of Directors, on a meeting held on December 18, 2003, authorized BT s Senior Management to deal with iG acquisition, assuring that there s no bid offer so far.

Brasília (DF), December 23, 2003.

Carla Cico

Investor Relations Officer
Brasil Telecom S.A.

Paulo Pedrão Rio Branco

Investor Relations Officer
Brasil Telecom Participações S.A.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 12, 2004

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

By: _____ /s/ Carla Cico

Name: Carla Cico
Title: President and Chief
Executive Officer
