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Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 14)*
GOLDEN TELECOM, INC.**

**(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share**

**(Title of Class of Securities)
38122G107**

**(CUSIP Number)
Franz Wolf
Suite 2
4 Irish Place
Gibraltar
+350 41977**

**(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)
December 21, 2007**

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Names of Reporting Persons.

1. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

SUNBIRD LIMITED

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

2.

(a)

(b)

SEC Use Only

3.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4.

Not applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Cyprus

Sole Voting Power

7.

Number Of 10,731,707*

Shared Voting Power

8. Shares Beneficially

Owned By 0

Sole Dispositive Power

9. Each Reporting

Person 10,731,707*

With Shared Dispositive Power
10.
0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
10,731,707*

12. Check If The Aggregate Amount In Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
b

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
26.6%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
HC

* See Items 5 and 6 hereof.

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Names of Reporting Persons.

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YIELDCARE LIMITED

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

2.

(a)

(b)

SEC Use Only

3.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4.

Not applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Cyprus

Sole Voting Power

7.

Number Of 10,731,707*

Shared Voting Power

8. Shares Beneficially

Owned By 0

Sole Dispositive Power

9. Each Reporting

Person 10,731,707*

With Shared Dispositive Power

10.

0

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

10,731,707*

Check If The Aggregate Amount In Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

12.

b

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

26.6%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

14.

HC

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Names of Reporting Persons.

1. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

ALTIMO HOLDINGS & INVESTMENTS LTD.

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

2.

(a)

(b)

SEC Use Only

3.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4.

Not applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

British Virgin Islands

Sole Voting Power

7.

Number Of 10,731,707*

Shared Voting Power

8. Shares Beneficially

Owned By 0

Sole Dispositive Power

9. Each Reporting

Person 10,731,707*

With Shared Dispositive Power

10.

0

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

10,731,707*

Check If The Aggregate Amount In Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

12.

b

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

26.6%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

14.

HC

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Names of Reporting Persons.

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CTF HOLDINGS LIMITED

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

2.

(a)

(b)

SEC Use Only

3.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4.

Not applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Gibraltar

Sole Voting Power

7.

Number Of 10,731,707*

Shared Voting Power

8. Shares Beneficially

Owned By 0

Sole Dispositive Power

9. Each Reporting

Person 10,731,707*

With Shared Dispositive Power

10.

0

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

10,731,707*

Check If The Aggregate Amount In Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

12.

b

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

26.6%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

14.

HC

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Names of Reporting Persons.

1. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

CROWN FINANCE FOUNDATION

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

2.

(a)

(b)

SEC Use Only

3.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

4.

Not applicable.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

5.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

6.

Liechtenstein

Sole Voting Power

7.

Number Of 10,731,707*

Shared Voting Power

Shares Beneficially 8.

Owned By 0

Sole Dispositive Power

Each Reporting 9.

Person 10,731,707*

With Shared Dispositive Power
10.
0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
10,731,707*

12. Check If The Aggregate Amount In Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
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26.6%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
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Introductory Statement

This Amendment No. 14 to the Statement on Schedule 13D (this Amendment) relates to shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Shares), of Golden Telecom, Inc. (the Issuer). This Amendment No. 14 supplementally amends the initial Statement on Schedule 13D, dated May 21, 2001; Amendment No. 1 thereto, dated July 20, 2001; Amendment No. 2 thereto, dated September 13, 2001; Amendment No. 3 thereto, dated February 28, 2002; Amendment No. 4 thereto, dated September 9, 2002; Amendment No. 5 thereto, dated November 6, 2002; Amendment No. 6 thereto, dated April 10, 2003; Amendment No. 7 thereto, dated August 29, 2003; Amendment No. 8 thereto, dated December 24, 2003; Amendment No. 9 thereto, dated August 19, 2004; Amendment No. 10 thereto, dated November 13, 2006; Amendment No. 11 thereto, dated December 6, 2006; Amendment No. 12 thereto, dated June 27, 2007 and Amendment No. 13 thereto, dated October 19, 2007 (collectively, the Existing Statement and together with this Amendment, the Statement), filed by the Reporting Persons (as defined below) and certain other entities. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Existing Statement. Except as provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported in the Existing Statement.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

No changes.

Item 2. Identity and Background

This Amendment is being filed on behalf of each of the following persons (collectively, the Reporting Persons):

- (i) Sunbird Limited;
- (ii) Yieldcare Limited;
- (iii) Altimo Holdings & Investments Ltd.;
- (iv) CTF Holdings Limited; and
- (v) Crown Finance Foundation.

This Amendment relates to the Shares of the Issuer held by Sunbird Limited. The agreement between the Reporting Persons relating to the joint filing of this Amendment is referenced as Exhibit A hereto.

The Reporting Persons

Sunbird Limited (Sunbird) is a Cyprus company with its principal address at Themistokli Dervi, 5, Elenion Building, 2nd floor, P.C. 1066, Nicosia, Cyprus. The principal business of Sunbird is to function as a holding company. Current information concerning the

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identity and background of the directors and officers of Sunbird is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

Yieldcare Limited (Yieldcare) is a Cyprus company with its principal address at Themistokli Dervi, 5, Elenion Building, 2nd floor, P.C. 1066, Nicosia, Cyprus. The principal business of Yieldcare is to function as a holding company. Yieldcare is the sole shareholder of Sunbird, and in such capacity may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Shares of the Issuer held directly by Sunbird. Current information concerning the identity and background of the directors and officers of Yieldcare is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

Altimo Holdings & Investments Ltd. (Altimo) is a British Virgin Islands company with its principal address at the premises of Trident Trust Company (B.V.I.) Limited at Trident Chambers, P.O. Box 659, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The principal business of Altimo is to act as a holding company. Altimo is the sole shareholder of Yieldcare, and in such capacity, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Shares of the Issuer held directly by Sunbird. Current information regarding the identity and background of the directors and officers of Altimo is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

CTF Holdings Limited (CTF Holdings) is a Gibraltar limited liability company with its principal address at Suite 2, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. The principal business of CTF Holdings is to function as a holding company. CTF Holdings is the majority owner of Cotesmore Holdings Limited, a Bahamas corporation (Cotesmore), Laketown Services Limited, an Isle of Man corporation (Laketown), and Bardsley Investment Corp., a British Virgin Islands corporation (Bardsley and, together with Cotesmore and Laketown, the Holding Companies). Collectively, the Holding Companies own a majority of the shares of Altimo. As a consequence of its majority ownership of the Holding Companies, CTF Holdings may be deemed to have the power to direct the voting of a majority of the shares of Altimo and may therefore be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Shares of the Issuer held directly by Sunbird. Current information concerning the identity and background of the directors and officers of CTF Holdings is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

Crown Finance Foundation (Crown Finance) is a Liechtenstein foundation with its principal address at Am Schragen Weg 14, P.O. Box 1618, FL-9490, Vaduz, Liechtenstein. The principal business of Crown Finance is investment and management of the assets and capital of the foundation. Crown Finance is the sole shareholder of CTF Holdings and, in such capacity, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Shares of the Issuer held directly by Sunbird. Current information concerning the identity and background of the directors and officers of Crown Finance is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

The Supervisory Board coordinates the strategic development of a group of affiliated entities, often referred to as the Alfa Group Consortium, which group includes the Reporting Persons. In certain instances, the Supervisory Board issues recommendations regarding strategic business decisions to the entities that are members of the Alfa Group Consortium. Current

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information regarding the identity and background of the members of the Supervisory Board is set forth in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated by reference in response to this Item 2.

During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons and, to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, no other person identified in response to this Item 2 has been (a) convicted in a criminal proceeding or (b) a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which it or he or she is subject to a judgment, decree, or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

No changes.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Existing Statement is hereby amended by adding the following:

On December 21, 2007, the Issuer, VimpelCom Finance B.V. (VIP Finance) and Lillian Acquisition, Inc. (the Purchaser), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement). According to a Report on Form 8-K filed by the Issuer on December 21, 2007, VIP Finance is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of OJSC Vimpel-Communications (VimpelCom) and the Purchaser is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of VIP Finance. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement (and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein), the Purchaser has agreed to commence a cash tender offer for 100% of the outstanding Shares of the Issuer no later than January 18, 2008 (the Proposed Tender Offer). The description of the Merger Agreement included in this Item 4 is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Report on Form 8-K filed by the Issuer on December 21, 2007.

Subject to consideration of the actual terms of the Proposed Tender Offer and the circumstances existing at the time of the expiration of the Proposed Tender Offer, it is the current intention of the Reporting Persons that Sunbird will tender and sell its Shares in the Issuer to the Purchaser pursuant to the Proposed Tender Offer. The Reporting Persons may, and reserve the right to, change their plans and intention with respect to the Shares held by Sunbird, including that Sunbird not sell its Shares in the Issuer, in light of market conditions, subsequent developments affecting the Issuer, the general business and future prospects of the Issuer, or other factors that may arise prior to the expiration of the Proposed Tender Offer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Part (a) of Item 5 of the Existing Statement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(a)(i) Each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the 10,731,707 Shares of the Issuer held directly by Sunbird (representing 26.6% of the total number of the Shares outstanding). This percentage is calculated on the basis of the Issuer having

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40,314,522 Shares issued and outstanding as of November 6, 2007, as reported by the Issuer in its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2007. To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, other than the Reporting Persons, and except as noted in Annex A hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference in response to this Item 5(a), no other person named in Item 2 beneficially owns any Shares.

(ii) The Issuer, Altimo (then known as Alfa Telecom Limited and the party from which Sunbird acquired its shares), Nye Telenor East Invest AS, a company organized under the laws of Norway (Telenor), OJSC Rostelecom, a company organized in the Russian Federation (RTK), Capital International Global Emerging Markets Private Equity Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (CIG), Cavendish Nominees Limited, a limited liability company organized and registered under the laws of Guernsey (Cavendish), and First NIS Regional Fund SICAV, a private institutional fund organized and registered under the laws of Luxembourg (First NIS Fund), and together with Telenor, RTK, CIG, and Cavendish, the Shareholder Agreement Parties) entered into a Shareholders Agreement, dated as of August 19, 2003 (the Shareholders Agreement), a Standstill Agreement, dated as of August 19, 2003 (the Standstill Agreement), and a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 19, 2003 (the Registration Rights Agreement). Copies of the Shareholders Agreement, the Standstill Agreement, and the Registration Rights Agreement were attached as Exhibits R, S, and T to Amendment 7 to this Statement on Schedule 13D and are incorporated herein by reference. As a result of the terms of the Shareholders Agreement, Standstill Agreement, and Registration Rights Agreement, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be part of a group with some or all of the Shareholder Agreement Parties within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but the Reporting Persons hereby disclaim any such group status.

Reference is made to such statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G as have been or may be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by each of the Shareholder Agreement Parties for information regarding such entities, their respective beneficial ownership of Shares, and any changes to such respective beneficial ownership of Shares. To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, as of the date hereof, the following Shareholder Agreement Parties may be deemed to beneficially own the following numbers of Shares: Telenor 7,369,972 (representing 18.3% of the total number of Shares outstanding); RTK 4,417,055 (representing 11.0% of the total number of Shares outstanding); and CIG 1,327,046 (representing 3.3% of the total number of Shares outstanding). These percentages are calculated on the basis of the Issuer having 40,314,522 Shares issued and outstanding as of November 6, 2007, as reported by the Issuer in its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2007. The Reporting Persons and any other person named in response to Item 2 hereof disclaim beneficial ownership of any Shares held by any of the Shareholder Agreement Parties, and the filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons or any other person named in response to Item 2 hereof is part of a group (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)

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and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act) or is the beneficial owner of any Shares beneficially owned by any of the Shareholder Agreement Parties.

(b) No changes.

(c) Except as otherwise stated herein, to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, there have been no transactions effected with respect to the Shares during the past sixty days by any of the persons named in response to Item 2.

(d) No changes.

(e) No changes.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

No changes.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

The Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this Amendment is true, complete, and correct.

SUNBIRD LIMITED

December 24, 2007

Date

/s/ Franz Wolf

Signature

Franz Wolf, Attorney-in-fact

Name/Title

YELDCARE LIMITED

December 24, 2007

Date

/s/ Franz Wolf

Signature

Franz Wolf, Attorney-in-fact

Name/Title

ALTIMO HOLDINGS &
INVESTMENTS LTD.

December 24, 2007

Date

/s/ Franz Wolf

Signature

Franz Wolf, Director

Name/Title

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CTF HOLDINGS LIMITED

December 24, 2007

Date

/s/ Franz Wolf

Signature

Franz Wolf, Director

Name/Title

CROWN FINANCE FOUNDATION

December 24, 2007

Date

/s/ Franz Wolf

Signature

Franz Wolf, Attorney-in-fact

Name/Title

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ANNEX A

Directors and Officers of Sunbird Limited

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Charalambos Michaelides, Director (Cyprus)	Chartered Accountant	Themistokli Dervi, 5 Elenion Building, 2 nd floor, P.C. 1066 Nicosia, Cyprus

Stella Herodotou, Director (Cyprus)	Accountant	Themistokli Dervi, 5 Elenion Building, 2 nd floor, P.C. 1066 Nicosia, Cyprus
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Directors and Officers of Yieldcare Limited

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Sophia Ioannou, Director (Cyprus)	Accountant	Themistokli Dervi, 5 Elenion Building, 2 nd floor, P.C. 1066 Nicosia, Cyprus

Stella Raouna, Director (Cyprus)	Accountant	Themistokli Dervi, 5 Elenion Building, 2 nd floor, P.C. 1066 Nicosia, Cyprus
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Directors and Officers of Altimo Holdings & Investments Ltd.

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Geoffrey Piers Hemy, Director (United Kingdom)	Director, Grand Financial Holding S.A.	11 Boulevard Royale L-2449 Luxembourg

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Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Georgia Karydes, Director (Cyprus)	Director, Feldmans Management (Overseas) Ltd.	6 Nikou Georgiou Street Block C, Office 704 Nicosia 1098, Cyprus
Olga Kichatova, Director (Russia)	Senior Financial Advisor, CTF Holdings Limited	3 rd Floor, Building 3, 6 Sechenovskiy Pereulok 109034 Moscow Russia
Leonid Reznikovich, Chief Executive Officer (Russia)	Chief Executive Officer, Altimo	11 Savvinskaya Nab., 119435 Moscow, Russia
Marina Kushnareva, Director (Russia)	Director, CTF Holdings Limited	Suite 2, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar
Franz Wolf, Director (Germany)	Director, CTF Holdings Limited	Suite 2, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar

Directors and Officers of CTF Holdings Limited

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Marina Kushnareva, Director (Russia)	Director, CTF Holdings Limited	Suite 2, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar
Franz Wolf, Director (Germany)	Director, CTF Holdings Limited	Suite 2, 4 Irish Place, Gibraltar

Directors and Officers of Crown Finance Foundation

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Christian Rosenow, Director (Switzerland)	Financial Advisor	Talacker 35, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland
Dr. Norbert Seeger, Director (Liechtenstein)	Attorney, Arcomm Trust Company	Am Schragen Weg 14, P.O. Box 1618, FL-9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein

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Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Dr. Christian Zangerle, Director (Austria)	Attorney, Law Office of Dr. Norbert Seeger	Am Schragen Weg 14, P.O. Box 1618, FL-9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Members of the Supervisory Board of the Alfa Group Consortium

Name/Title/Citizenship	Principal Occupation	Business Address
Peter Aven (Russia)	President, OJSC Alfa-Bank	11 Mashy Poryvaevoy Street, 107078 Moscow, Russia
Alexander Fain, (Russia)	Chief Executive Officer, Alfa Eco LLC	21 Novy Arbat Street, 121019 Moscow, Russia
Mikhail Fridman (Russia)	Chairman of the Board of Directors, OJSC Alfa Bank	9 Mashy Poryvaevoy Street, 107078 Moscow, Russia
Mikhail Gamzin (Russia)	Director General, OJSC Russian Technologies	3rd Golutvinsky Pereulok, 10 Building 6, 109180 Moscow, Russia
German Khan (Russia)	Executive Director, TNK-BP Management	1, Arbat Street, 119019 Moscow, Russia
Lev Khasis (Russia)	Chief Executive Officer, X5 Retail Group N.V.	