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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2005

Commission File Number 001-14491

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Rua Comendador Araújo, 299 - 3º Andar 80420-000 Curitiba. PR, Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
Form 20-FX Form 40-F
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
Yes NoX

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TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Publicly-held Company CNPJ/MF n° 02.558.115/0001 -21 NIRE n° 4130001760-3

TIM SUL S.A.

Publicly-held Company CNPJ/MF n° 02.332.397/0001 -44 NIRE n° 41300038228

TIM NORDESTE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES S.A.

MATERIAL FACT

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A., a *sociedade anônima* with its head Office at Rua Comendador Araújo, 299, City of Curitiba, State of Paraná, registered with the CNPJ/MF Corporate Taxpayer Roll under the n° 02.558.115/0001 -21 (TIMPART), TIM SUL S.A., a *sociedade anônima* with head Office at Rua Comendador Araújo, 299, City of Curitiba, State of Paraná, registered with the CNPJ/MF Corporate Taxpayer Roll under the n° 02.332.397/0001 -44 (TIM Sul) and TIM NORDESTE TELECOMUNICAÇÕES S.A., a *sociedade anônima*, with head Office at Av. Ayrton Senna da Silva, 1633, City of Jaboatão dos Guararapes, State of Pernambuco, registered with the CNPJ/MF Corporate Taxpayer Roll under nr. 02.336.993/0001 -00 (TIM Nordeste), pursuant to the provisions of Law n° 6404/76, art. 157, § 4, and CVM Instruction n° 358/02, as amended by CVM Instruction n° 369/02, hereby inform their shareholders, the market in general and any other interested parties, of the following Material Fact:

As deliberated by the shareholders of TIMPART, TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, in their respective Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on May 30, 2005, it was approved the merger of all shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste by TIMPART, in accordance with the Agreement of Merger executed by the parties on April 26, 2005, converting TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste into wholly-owned subsidiaries of TIMPART.

The merger of the totality of shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste by TIMPART was informed to the market through the Material Fact Announcement published at Gazeta Mercantil (SP), at Gazeta do Povo (PR) and at Jornal do Comercio (PE) on April 27, 2005, which describes the terms and conditions of the effected operation.

Jaboatão dos Guararapes and Curitiba, May 30, 2005.

Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza

Financial and Investor Relations Officer

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Mario César Pereira de Araujo

Chief Executive Officer

TIM SUL S.A.

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Mario César Pereira de Araujo

Chief Executive Officer

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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: May 31, 2005

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza

Name: Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza Title: Chief Financial Officer