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## **FORM 20-F**

(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 001-14491

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
TIM Holding Company
(Translation of Registrant∏s name into English)

The Federative Republic of Brazil

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Preferred Shares, without par value\*
American Depositary Shares, each representing 10,000 Preferred
Shares
\* Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of American Depositary Shares on the New York Stock Exchange
Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

New York Stock Exchange

Shares on the New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

**None** 

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer  $\square$ s classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

Title of Class	Number of Shares Outstanding
Common Shares, without par value	264,793,296,882
Preferred Shares, without par value	437,711,795,252

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

X Yes No

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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#### PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION

In this annual report, TIM Participações S.A., a corporation organized under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil, is referred to as <code>[TIM[]</code> or the <code>[]Holding Company.[]</code> References to <code>[]we,[]</code> <code>[]us[]</code> and <code>[]our[]</code> are to TIM together with TIM Sul S.A. (<code>[]TIM Sul[]</code>) and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. (<code>[]TIM Nordeste[]</code>), each an operating subsidiary of TIM and a corporation organized under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The Holding Company is the result of the August 30, 2004 merger of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. ([TND[]) with and into Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A. ([TSU[]). References to [we], [us] and [our] with regard to 20 include the combined operations of TSU and TND, and with regard to 2003 and prior years include the operations of TSU only. TIM Sul is the result of the prior merger of Telesc Celular S.A. ([Telesc Celular[]) and CTMR Celular S.A. ([CTMR Celular S.A. ([Telepar Celular S.A. (

TSU and TND were initially formed as a result of the breakup (the <code>[Breakup[]</code>) of Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A. (<code>[Telebrás[]</code>) by Brazil<code>[]</code>s federal government (the <code>[Federal Government[]</code>) in May 1998. Before the Breakup, Telebrás and its operating subsidiaries, including the predecessors of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, were jointly known as the <code>[Telebrás System,[]</code> and were the primary providers of telecommunications services in Brazil. The predecessors to each of the Subsidiaries were formed in January 1998 by spinning off the cellular telecommunications operations of operating companies formerly controlled by Telebrás. References to our operations prior to January 1998 are to the cellular operations of one or more of these predecessor companies.

References in this annual report to the  $\Box$ Preferred Shares $\Box$  and the  $\Box$ Common Shares $\Box$  are to the preferred shares and common shares, respectively, of TIM. References to the  $\Box$ American Depositary Shares $\Box$  or  $\Box$ ADSs $\Box$  are to TIM $\Box$ s American Depositary Shares, each representing 10,000 Preferred Shares. The ADSs are evidenced by American Depositary Receipts ( $\Box$ ADRs $\Box$ ), which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( $\Box$ NYSE $\Box$ ).

We provide cellular telecommunications services in the Brazilian states of Paraná (other than the municipalities of Londrina and Tamarana) and Santa Catarina and in the cities of Pelotas, Capão do Leão, Morro Redondo and Turuçu in the state of Rio Grande do Sul (collectively, the <code>[Southern Region[])</code>, and in the Brazilian states of Piauí, Ceará, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco and Alagoas (collectively, the <code>[Northeastern Region[])</code> under authorizations obtained from the Federal Government.

### **Presentation of Financial Information**

On August 30, 2004, TND merged with and into TSU, which was subsequently renamed TIM Participações S.A. Under applicable Brazilian accounting principles, the merger is accounted for as a purchase of TND at book value, generating no goodwill. We account for the merged companies combined operations as if the merger had occurred on January 1, 2004. Therefore, the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report reflect the merger as follows:

- the assets and liabilities of TND were recorded at their net book value as of August 30, 2004;
- the 2004 consolidated income statement reflects the combined results of operations of TSU and TND with effect from January 1, 2004;
- the 2003 and 2002 consolidated income statements are the historical income statements of TSU and we have not restated them to reflect the merger;

• the December 31, 2004 consolidated balance sheet is the historical balance sheet of TIM as of that date and reflects the combination of TSU and TND;

• the December 31, 2003 and 2002 consolidated balance sheets are the historical balance sheets of TSU as of those dates and we have not restated them to reflect the merger.

Due to the merger, our 2004 consolidated financial statements are not comparable with our historical financial statements. In addition, we are unable to distinguish clearly between internal growth in 2004 and growth due to the merger. In order to address this problem and to facilitate an understanding of how our business evolved in 2004, we have provided supplemental pro forma 2003 information throughout this annual report. The pro forma information reflects the combination of TND with TSU as if the combination occurred on January 1, 2003 in the case of income statement information, and on December 31, 2003 in the case of balance sheet information. For an explanation of how the pro forma amounts were calculated, including what adjustments were made, see the unaudited pro forma financial statements included in this annual report. The pro forma adjustments are limited to those adjustments directly related to the transactions contemplated by the merger. The pro forma financial data are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what our actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the merger occurred on the dates assumed.

#### Brazilian Corporate Law accounting method and U.S. GAAP

Our audited consolidated financial statements for each of the years ended December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, are our consolidated financial statements, which were prepared in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law accounting method and in conformity with accounting requirements and procedures established by the Brazilian securities commission, the *Comissão de Valores Mobiliários* ( $\square CVM \square$ ), and the related rules applicable to telecommunications service operators. The rules according to which our Consolidated Financial Statements (as defined in  $\square$ Item 3. Key Information $\square$ Selected Financial Data $\square$ ) were prepared differ in certain material respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( $\square U.S. GAAP \square$ ). See Note 33 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of the differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law accounting method and U.S. GAAP, as well as a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of our shareholders $\square$  equity as of December 31, 2003 and 2004 and net income for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the merger represents a business combination of entities under common control due to the majority ownership of both TSU and TND by TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. ([TIM Brasil]). As a result, the merger, as it relates to the exchange of common and preferred shares owned by TIM Brasil, is accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interest, or at historical carrying value, and reflected in our consolidated financial statements for all periods presented from the date TIM Brasil acquired control. The exchange of shares between TSU and the non-affiliated holders of common and preferred shares of TND is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, or at fair value, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141, Business Combinations.

References in this annual report to (i) the [real], [reais] or [R\$] are to the Brazilian reais (plural) and (ii) [U.S. dollars, [ ] dollars, [ ] are to United States dollars.

The [Technical Glossary] at the end of this annual report provides definitions of certain technical terms used herein.

#### FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

This annual report contains forward-looking statements. We, and our representatives, may also make forward-looking statements in press releases and oral statements. Statements that are not statements of historical fact, including statements about the beliefs and expectations of our management, are forward-looking statements. The words <code>[anticipate, []] believe, []] estimate, []] expect, [][ forecast, [][ intend, [][ plan, []] predict, [][ project []] as similar words are intended to identify these statements, which necessarily involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Known risks and uncertainties, some of which are discussed in Item 3 herein, include, but are not limited to, those relating to the conversion of our SMC concessions into PCS authorizations, those resulting from the short history of our operations as an independent, private-sector entity and the introduction of competition to, and the size of, the Brazilian telecommunications sector, as well as those relating to the cost and availability of financing, the performance of the Brazilian economy generally, the levels of exchange rates between Brazilian and foreign currencies and the Federal Government[]s telecommunications policy. Accordingly, the actual results of our operations may be different from our current expectations, and the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update them in light of new information or future developments.</code>

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#### PART I

## Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

Not applicable.

## **Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 3. Key Information**

### **Selected Financial Data**

The selected financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and 2004 and for the three years ended December 31, 2004 (our  $\square$ Consolidated Financial Statements $\square$ ). Our consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003, and 2004 have been audited by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. The reports of Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. on the Consolidated Financial Statements appear elsewhere in this annual report. The following paragraphs discuss some important features of the presentation of the selected financial data and our Consolidated Financial Statements. These features should be kept in mind in evaluating the selected financial data and in reading  $\square$ Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.  $\square$ 

## Corporate Reorganization to Transfer Goodwill

On June 30, 2000, through a corporate restructuring, we transferred to our then-subsidiaries the premium ([Goodwill]) paid by TIM Brasil S.A., formerly Bitel Participações S.A. ([Bitel]), for the acquisition of control of TSU in 1998. On the same date, TND transferred to its then-subsidiaries the Goodwill paid by TIM Brasil S.A. for the

acquisition of control of TND. In each case, the Goodwill was recorded as an asset. The transfer of Goodwill resulted in a tax benefit, increasing each company sability to generate free cash flow. Commencing in 1998, the Goodwill had been amortized by TIM Brasil S.A. using an amortization rate of 4% per annum. After the transfer of the Goodwill to each company subsidiaries, they began amortizing the balance of the Goodwill under the straight-line method over the remaining eight years of the applicable amortization period. See Note 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. The amortization of Goodwill is expected to reduce our consolidated operating income in future years, and to reduce TIM Suls and TIM Nordestes income and social contribution taxes payable in those years, without affecting the consolidated net income.

#### **Minority Interests**

For 2001, minority interests reflect the interest of shareholders other than TSU in each of Telepar Celular, Telesc Celular and CTMR Celular. In December 2002, we started the merger of our subsidiaries in which Telesc Celular and CTMR Celular merged into Telepar Celular. On July 31, 2003, the date on which the merger of the subsidiaries was completed, Telepar Celular S.A. sname was changed to TIM Sul S.A. As of December 31, 2003, we retained a 90.44% interest in the voting capital of TIM Sul, and minority shareholders owned interests amounting to 9.56% of the voting capital of TIM Sul. On January 30, 2004, a restructuring transaction involving the merger of all of Telpe Celular, Telpa Celular, Telern Celular, Teleceará Celular, Telepisa Celular and Telasa Celular was approved by the shareholders of each of the before mentioned entities. As a result, such companies merged into Telpe Celular, and Telpe Celular S.A. changed its name to TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A.. As of December 31, 2004, we retained a 90.65% interest in the voting capital of TIM Sul and a 94.09% interest in the voting capital of TIM Nordeste. Minority shareholders owned interests amounting to 9.35% in the voting capital of TIM Sul and 5.91% in the voting capital of TIM Nordeste. See Note 4.n to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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### **Selected Financial Data**

The following selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2004 are derived from our consolidated financial statements. In 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001, our consolidated financial statements were audited by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. In 2000, our consolidated financial statements were audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Auditores Independentes. The data should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements, related notes, and other financial information included herein. For a discussion of the pro forma 2003 data included herein, see the section captioned [Presentation of Information]

### Year Ended December 31,

_	2000	2001	2002	2003	(Pro Forma) 2003	2004
_						
		(thousands	s of <i>reais,</i> unle	ess otherwise in	dicated)	
Statement of Income Data:						
Brazilian						
Corporate Law						
Net operating revenue	R\$716,887	R\$796,879	R\$896,824	R\$1,088,282	R\$2,110,263	R\$2,564,632
Cost of goods and	(264.460)	(400,022)	(406 202)	(576.014)	(1.050.402)	(1.202.070)
services	(364,468)	(406,033)	(486,383)	(576,914)	(1,058,493)	(1,293,070)

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Gross profit Operating expenses:	352,419	390,846	410,441	511,368	1,051,770	1,271,562
Selling expenses General and	(201,150)	(181,424)	(185,446)	(230,488)	(461,562)	(647,277)
administrative expenses Other net	(76,300)	(71,909)	(83,346)	(94,877)	(193,802)	(182,442)
operating income (expense) Equity investment	(14,522)	(24,271) (1,888)	(20,463) (4,288)	(28,422) (3,250)	(30,604) (6,500)	(53,737)
Operating income before financial income						
(expenses) Net financial	60,447	111,354	116,898	154,331	359,302	388,106
income (expense)	(57,904)	(41,168)	(18,958)	25,809	79,070	60,571
Operating income Net non-operating	2,543	70,186	97,940	180,140	438,372	448,677
(income) expense	3,507	10	(127)	12,842	26,661	(4,592)
Income before taxes and minority interests	6,050	70,196	97,813	192,982	465,033	444,085
Income and social contribution taxes	6,320	672	(19,473)	(42,423)	(111,813)	(108,037)
Minority interests	2,998	(10,979)	(12,566)	(29,757)	(75,393)	(70,113)
Net income	15,368	59,889	65,774	120,802	277,827	265,935
Net income per 1,000 shares outstanding (reais) Number of shares	0.05	0.18	0.19	0.34	n/a	
outstanding: (1)						
Common shares Preferred	124,369	127,189	129,358	134,453	n/a	264,793
shares Dividends per 1,000 shares [	210,030	210,030	213,612	222,025	n/a	437,712
reais Dividends per 1,000 shares ☐ in U.S. dollars	R\$0.04	R\$0.06	R\$0.08	R\$0.10	n/a	R\$0.10
(3)	US\$0.02	US\$0.03	US\$0.02	US\$0.03	n/a	US\$0.04
U.S. GAAP(4) Net operating revenues Operating income	1,562,507	1,623,129	1,818,346	2,110,263	n/a	2,527,948
(loss)	136,957	223,226	363,838	419,304	n/a	350,424
Net income  Balance Sheet Data:	(3,504)	69,239	180,748	318,631	n/a	233,341

#### Year Ended December 31,

	2000	2001	2002	2003	(Pro Forma) 2003	2004
	(thou	sands of <i>rea</i>	is, unless otl	nerwise indic	cated)	
Property, plant and equipment, net Total assets Loans, financing and debentures Shareholders equity Capital stock	872,013 1,461,553 352,785 770,081 175,772	843,224 1,502,179 334,386 808,329 245,033	708,807 1,647,885 321,085 845,330 324,666	711,650 1,636,713 82,183 926,986 369,163	1,400,893 3,161,404 162,882 1,804,028 682,872	1,627,862 3,596,156 104,092 2,020,507 884,504
U.S. GAAP(4) Property, plant and equipment, net Total assets Loans and financing Shareholders□ equity	1,672,912 2,954,563 759,828 1,568,690	1,591,741 2,963,533 685,761 1,587,608	1,336,334 3,302,413 706,072 1,725,768	1,456,367 3,436,930 178,580 1,964,605	n/a n/a n/a n/a	1,738,441 4,030,236 102,949 2,349,490

- (1) Refers to millions of shares.
- (2) Dividends per share have been computed as the sum of dividends and interest on shareholders equity ([]juros sobre capital próprio, according to Brazilian law), an alternative under Brazilian Corporate Law to the distribution of dividends to shareholders. The distribution of dividends and interest on shareholders equity, in each year, proceeded according to the terms set forth by our common shareholders, at the relevant annual general meeting. Dividends per share have been determined as the sum of declared dividends and interest on shareholders equity, divided by the total number of Common Shares and Preferred Shares outstanding as of the common shareholders meeting date. See Additional Information Taxation Brazilian Tax Considerations \[ \] \( \) \
- (3) Amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, according to the exchange rate applicable at the date of the relevant common shareholders general meeting that approved the distribution of dividends and interest on shareholders equity.
- (4) The US GAAP amounts of TIM Participações S.A reflect the merger of TND under common control similar to a pooling- of-interest, at historical carrying value, for all periods presented from the date TIM Brasil acquired control. The exchange of shares between TSU and the non-affiliated holders of common and preferred shares of TND is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting at fair value and is recorded from the date of acquisition on August 30, 2004.

#### **Brazilian Economic Environment**

Our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations are dependent on general economic conditions in Brazil.

Brazil experienced extremely high rates of inflation and devaluation of the Brazilian currency for years prior to the implementation of the *Real* Plan in 1994. Inflation and certain governmental measures to combat inflation have historically contributed to economic uncertainty in Brazil and to significant volatility in the Brazilian securities markets. The following tables set forth rates of inflation in Brazil, as measured by the IGP-M, and the devaluation or appreciation of the *real* against the dollar during the periods indicated.

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	Year ended December 31,						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		
	(percentages)						
Inflation (IGP-M)	9.9%	10.3%	25.3%	8.7%	12.4%		
(Devaluation)/Appreciation (real vs. US\$)(1)	(9.3)%	(18.6)%	(52.3)%	19.2%	8.1%		
	First	Quarter of	2005				
	Jan	Feb	Mar				

| Comparison (IGP-M) | Comparison (real vs. US\$)(1) | Comparis

(1) Source: Central Bank and Fundação Getúlio Vargas.

#### **Exchange Rates**

We pay any cash dividends, interest on shareholders equity and any other cash distributions with respect to our Preferred Shares in *reais*. Accordingly, exchange rate fluctuations will affect the U.S. dollar amounts received by the holders of ADSs on conversion by the Depositary of dividends and other distributions in Brazilian currency on our Preferred Shares represented by ADSs. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between Brazilian currency and the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar equivalent price of our Preferred Shares on the Brazilian stock exchanges. In addition, exchange rate fluctuations may also affect our dollar equivalent results of operations. See <code>||Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.||</code>

Prior to March 14, 2005, there were two principal legal foreign exchange markets in Brazil:

- the commercial rate exchange market; and
- the floating rate exchange market.

Most trade and financial foreign-exchange transactions were carried out on the commercial rate exchange market. These transactions included the purchase or sale of shares or payment of dividends or interest with respect to shares. Foreign currencies could only be purchased in the commercial exchange market through a Brazilian bank authorized to operate in these markets. In both markets, rates were freely negotiated and could be

influenced by Central Bank intervention.

Resolution No. 3.265 by the National Monetary Council, dated March 4, 2005, consolidated the foreign exchange markets into one single foreign exchange market, effective as of March 14, 2005. All foreign exchange transactions are now carried out through institutions authorized to operate in the consolidated market and are subject to registration with the Central Bank□s electronic registration system. Foreign exchange rates continue to be freely negotiated, but may be influenced by Central Bank intervention.

Since 1999, the Central Bank has allowed the real/U.S. dollar exchange rate to float freely, and during that period, the real/U.S. dollar exchange rate has fluctuated considerably. In the past, the Central Bank has intervened occasionally to control unstable movements in foreign exchange rates. We cannot predict whether the Central Bank or the Brazilian government will continue to let the real float freely or will intervene in the exchange rate market through a currency band system or otherwise. The real may depreciate or appreciate against the U.S. dollar substantially in the future. For more information on these risks, see  $\[$ Risks Relating to Brazil. $\[$ 

The following table sets forth the Noon Buying Rate, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, expressed in *reais* per U.S. dollar (R\$/US\$), for the periods indicated.

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	Period-end	Average for Period	Low	High
	( <i>reais</i> per U.S	. dollar)		
Year Ended				
December 31, 2000	1.951	1.835(1)	1.723	1.984
December 31, 2001	2.312	2.353(1)	1.938	2.788
December 31, 2002	3.540	2.995(1)	2.265	3.945
December 31, 2003	2.895	3.058(1)	2.827	3.664
December 31, 2004	2.655	2.915(1)	2.651	3.209
Month Ended				
December 2004	2.655	2.716(2)	2.651	2.780
January 2005	2.612	2.668(2)	2.612	2.723
February 2005	2.585	2.595(2)	2.564	2.631
March 2005	2.666	2.693(2)	2.610	2.776
April 2005	2.533	2.586(2)	2.514	2.657
May 2005	2.411	2.456(2)	2.396	2.515
June 2005 (through June 28)	2.369	2.429(2)	2.369	2.489

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the average of the exchange rates on the last day of each month during the period.

## (2) Average of the lowest and highest rates in the month.

Brazilian law provides that, whenever there is a serious imbalance in Brazilis balance of payments or serious reasons to foresee such imbalance, temporary restrictions may be imposed on remittances of foreign capital abroad. For approximately six months in 1989, and early 1990, for example, the Federal Government froze all dividend and capital repatriations that were owed to foreign equity investors. These amounts were subsequently released in accordance with Federal Government directives. There can be no assurance that similar measures will not be taken by the Federal Government in the future.

#### **Risk Factors**

## **Risks Relating to our Business**

The conversion of our SMC concessions into PCS authorizations, and our ability to comply with such authorizations, may have a significant impact on our business.

In December 2002, Tim Sul and TIM Nordeste converted their respective concessions to operate under Cellular Mobile Service (☐SMC☐) regulations into authorizations to operate under Personal Communications Services (\(\pi\)PCS\(\pi\)) regulations, which allowed us to provide local cellular service. The SMC regulations differ significantly from the PCS regulations and it has been difficult for us to achieve compliance with these new regulations. Anatel imposes a number of minimum quality standards on PCS operators. Anatel initiated administrative proceedings against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste for non-compliance with certain quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations in the years 2003 and 2004. We have submitted to Anatel a petition explaining that the non-compliance with certain quality standards was due mainly to the migration from the SMC regime to the PCS regime, the change in the long-distance calling system as well as the overlay of the GSM network. These changes resulted in an out of the ordinary number of calls to the customers∏ service number. We believe that we have since complied with Anatel\[ \]s quality standards and that customer satisfaction has improved. We cannot predict the outcome of the Anatel proceedings at this time but we do not believe that an unfavorable outcome will cause a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. However, we cannot give assurance that we will be able to fully comply with our obligations under the PCS regime or with future changes in the regulations to which we are subject. See ∏Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry □PCS Regulation. □

#### Some of our SMP licenses currently overlap with the licenses of a deemed affiliate.

Currently, we hold licenses to render personal mobile ([SMP]) services in portions of Regions I and II of the SMP[s general licensing plan. In turn, 14 Brasil Telecom Celular S.A. ([Brasil Telcom Celular]) holds licenses to render SMP services in Region II of the SMP[s general licensing plan. The Brazilian regulatory authority, Anatel, prohibits the exploitation, by the same legal entity, whether directly or indirectly, of the same services in the same Region. Under the broad definition of the expression [directly or indirectly] and considering our indirect parent, Telecom Italia, also holds certain equity participations and shareholders rights in connection with Brasil Telecom, Brasil Telecom Celular can, for regulatory purposes in Brazil, be viewed as our affiliate and controlled by Telecom Italia, the consequence being that there currently exists an impermissible overlap between the SMP licenses held by us in Region II and certain of the ones held by Brasil Telecom Celular (the [Overlap]). Anatel has determined that Telecom Italia and Brasil Telecom Celular should find a solution for such Overlap within an 18-month period that may expire as soon as July 19, 2005. Absent a negotiated solution and if such expiry is confirmed, Anatel itself will decide how to resolve the Overlap and the parties could be subject to penalties, which may range from monetary fines to the revocation of the overlapping licenses held by the parties.

In an attempt to resolve the Overlap in a commercially acceptable manner, our parent, TIM Brasil, and Brasil Telecom, among other parties, executed on April 28, 2005, a merger agreement and the corresponding merger protocol (protocolo e justificação de incorporação), providing for the merger of Brasil Telecom Celular into TIM Brasil (please see [Item 4. Information on the Company Recent Developments Agreement between Telecom Italia Group and Brasil Telecom for additional information on such merger). The implementation and consummation of the merger, however, have been suspended by injunctions issued as a result of judicial challenges brought by certain of Brasil Telecom indirect shareholders. In the absence of a timely solution for the pending litigation currently impeding the implementation of the merger or an alternative solution for the Overlap, we could be subject to penalties that may include the termination of our overlapping licenses. Any partial or total revocation of our licenses would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

#### We may not receive as much interconnection revenue as we receive today.

Under the SMC regulations, we were entitled to receive an interconnection fee when a customer of another telecommunications service provider made and connected a call to one of our customers through our network. Similarly, we had to pay a fee to other telecommunications service providers for calls originating from our customers that used their networks. These fees were set by Anatel. Beginning in July 2004, interconnection charges became freely negotiated by telecommunications service providers in Brazil, according to rules issued by Anatel. As a result, we may receive less interconnection revenue than we presently do, which may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Under a temporary settlement agreement relating to interconnection fees entered into by the fixed telephony incumbents (with the exception of Telemar and Embratel) and the mobile service providers, our interconnection fee paid by other operators when their users access our network to communicate with our users will be adjusted by 4.5%, in the case of calls completed to a number registered within that customer□s home registration area (VC-1 calls). This adjustment is not applicable to other types of calls (such as VC-2 and VC-3 calls) and will only apply until an arbitration procedure currently before Anatel is resolved. We have agreed that the result of such procedure will not affect the fees received while the temporary settlement agreement was in place. We cannot estimate the date on which a decision will be available nor its effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We may face difficulties responding to new telecommunications technologies.

The Brazilian wireless telecommunications market is experiencing significant technological changes, as evidenced by:

- the changing regulatory environment, as recently evidenced by Anatel's introduction of the PCS regime;
- shorter time periods between the introduction of new telecommunication products and their required enhancements or replacements;
- ongoing improvements in the capacity and quality of digital technology available in Brazil; and
- the possibility of introduction of Third Generation ([]3G[]) mobile telephony services through the fer of additional radiofrequency or new licenses or a combination of both by Anatel.

We currently use time-division multiple access technology, or TDMA, and global system for mobile communications technology, or GSM, to provide cellular telecommunications services. We plan to make GSM technology widely available to our customers and in the future fully replace our TDMA network for a GSM technology based network, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to do so. If we are not able to expand our operations using GSM technology, we may experience adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## We no longer offer domestic and international long distance services.

In July 2003 we received from Anatel Fixed Switch Telephony Service (*Serviço Telefônico Fixo Comutado*) ([STFC]) authorizations to provide domestic and international long distance telecommunications services, subject to a commitment that within 18 months we eliminate the geographic overlap relating to similar authorizations

held by another company that is also controlled by Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A. ([Telecom Italia Mobile]). As a result, on January 4, 2005, our domestic and international long distance authorizations were relinquished (as required by the regulatory framework), and the following occurred:

• users of our cellular telecommunications services continued to be able to make domestic and international long distance calls by selecting any long distance carrier code currently available on a per-call basis;

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- we stopped providing domestic and international long distance services and we no longer receive from customers the revenues associated with providing these services;
- we no longer bear the direct costs associated with the provision of domestic and international long distance services directly to customers; and
- we receive revenue in the form of [VU-M fees,] which are interconnection fees charged to longistance carriers selected by our customers to carry their long distance calls.

We believe that the loss of revenues from long distance services will be partially offset by an increase in revenue related to such service from VU-M fees, and although we expect our overall net revenues to decline, we do not believe that such decline will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. However, we can make no assurances in this regard.

## Our business is dependent on our ability to expand our services and to maintain the quality of the services provided.

Our business, as a cellular telecommunications services provider, depends on our ability to maintain and expand our cellular telecommunications services network. We believe that our expected growth will require, among other things:

- continuous development of our operational and administrative systems;
- increasing marketing activities; and
- attracting, training and retaining qualified management, technical and sales personnel.

These activities are expected to place significant demand on our managerial, operational and financial resources. Failure to manage successfully our expected growth could reduce the quality of our services, with adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We face increasing competition, which may adversely affect our results of operations.

The opening of the Brazilian market to competition for cellular telecommunications services has adversely affected our results of operations. Due to additional PCS providers that have commenced operations in recent years, we are facing increased competition in our areas of authorization. As a result, the cost of maintaining our market share has increased while margins have decreased. In the future, we may incur higher advertising and other costs as we attempt to maintain or expand our presence in the market.

We also expect to face increased competition from other wireless telecommunications services, such as digital trunking and paging services, because these services are generally less expensive than cellular telecommunications services. In addition, technological changes in the telecommunications field, such as the development of GSM, 3G and mobile satellite services, are expected to introduce additional sources of competition.

This increasing competition may increase the rate of customer turnover and could continue to adversely affect our market share and margins. Our ability to compete successfully will depend on the effectiveness of our marketing and our ability to anticipate and respond to developments in the industry, including new services that may be introduced, changes in consumer preferences, demographic trends, economic conditions and discount pricing strategies by competitors. Additionally, we may face competitors with greater access to financial resources and capital markets than ours. We cannot predict which of many possible factors will be important in maintaining our competitive position or what expenditures will be required to develop and provide new technologies, products or services. If we are unable to compete successfully, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially adversely affected.

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## We may experience a high rate of customer turnover which could increase our costs of operations and reduce our revenue.

Churn reflects the number of customers who have their service terminated during a period, expressed as a percentage of the simple average of customers at the beginning and end of the period. Our rate of customer churn was 23.0% in 2002, 22.8% in 2003 and 22.5% in 2004. Our high churn rates are primarily a result of our competitors aggressive subsidization of handset sales, adverse macroeconomic conditions in Brazil and our strict policy of terminating customers who do not pay their bills. As indicated by our past rates of customer churn, we may experience a high rate of customer turnover which could increase our cost of operations and reduce our revenue.

#### We are dependent on fourth quarter results.

We have experienced a trend of generating a significantly higher number of new clients and handset sales in the fourth quarter of each year as compared to the other three fiscal quarters. There can be no assurance that strong fourth quarter results from new clients and handset sales will continue in future years.

## We may be unable to respond to the recent trend toward consolidation in the Brazilian wireless telecommunications market.

We believe that there has been a trend of consolidation in the Brazilian telecommunications market. Additional joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions among telecommunications service providers are possible in the future. If such consolidation occurs, it may result in increased competition within our market. We may be unable to adequately respond to pricing pressures resulting from consolidation in our market, adversely affecting our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Our controlling shareholder may exercise its control in a manner that differs from the best interests of other shareholders.

Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A. ([Telecom Italia Mobile]), through its indirect majority ownership of TIM Brasil, our controlling shareholder, and the latter, each have the ability to determine actions that require shareholder approval, including the election of a majority of our directors and, subject to Brazilian law, the payment of dividends and other distributions. Telecom Italia Mobile or TIM Brazil may exercise this control in a manner that

differs from the best interests of other shareholders. Such conflicts of interest may arise in the area of allocating opportunities among the various operating subsidiaries controlled by Telecom Italia Mobile in Brazil.

## Risks Relating to the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry

## We are subject to various obligations in the performance of our activities with which we may be unable to comply.

In the performance of our telecommunications services, we are subject to compliance with various legal and regulatory obligations including, but not limited to, the obligations arising from the following:

- the rules set forth by Anatel, the primary telecommunications industry regulator in Brazil;
- the PCS authorizations under which we operate our cellular telecommunications business; and
- the General Telecommunications Law (Lei no. 9,472/97, as amended).

We believe that we are currently in material compliance with our obligations arising out of each of the above referenced laws, regulations and authorizations. However, in light of the administrative proceedings for breach of quality standards brought by Anatel against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste in December 2004, we cannot provide any assurance that we are in full compliance with our quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations. In addition, we cannot assure that we will be able to maintain compliance with each of the above referenced laws, regulations and authorizations or that we will be able to comply with future changes in the laws

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and regulations to which we are subject. These regulatory developments or our failure to comply with them could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Our authorizations may be terminated by the Brazilian government under certain circumstances.

We operate our business under authorizations granted by the Brazilian government. As a result, we are obligated to maintain minimum quality and service standards, including targets for call completion rates, coverage and voice channel traffic rates, user complaint rates and customer care call completion rates. Our ability to satisfy these standards, as well as others, may be affected by factors beyond our control. We cannot assure you that, going forward, we will be able to comply with all of the requirements imposed on us by Anatel or the Brazilian government. Our failure to comply with these requirements may result in the imposition of fines or other government actions, including the termination of our authorizations in the event of material non-compliance. Any partial or total revocation of our authorizations would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

The telecommunications industry is subject to rapid technological changes and these changes could have a material adverse effect on our ability to provide competitive services.

The telecommunications industry is subject to rapid and significant technological changes. Our future success depends, in part, on our ability to anticipate and adapt in a timely manner to technological changes. We expect that new products and technologies will emerge and that existing products and technologies will be further developed.

The advent of new products and technologies could have a variety of consequences for us. New products and technologies may reduce the price of our services by providing lower-cost alternatives, or they may also be superior to, and render obsolete, the products and services we offer and the technologies we use, thus requiring investment in new technology. If such changes do transpire, our most significant competitors in the future may be new participants in the market without the burden of any installed base of older equipment.

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The cost of upgrading our products and technology in order to continue to compete effectively could be significant.

## **Risks Relating to Brazil**

The Brazilian government has exercised, and continues to exercise, significant influence over the Brazilian economy. Brazilian political and economic conditions have a direct impact on our business, operations and the market price of our preferred shares and our ADSs.

The Brazilian government frequently intervenes in the Brazilian economy and occasionally makes drastic changes in policy and regulations. The Brazilian government actions to control inflation and other policies have often involved, among other measures, increases in interest rates, changes in tax policies, wage and price controls, currency devaluations, capital controls, and limits on imports. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by changes in policies or regulations involving or affecting tariffs, exchange controls and other matters, as well as factors such as:

- currency fluctuations;
- inflation;
- price instability;
- energy policy;
- interest rates:
- tax policy; and
- other political, diplomatic, social and economic developments in or affecting Brazil.

In addition, we cannot predict the effect that the policies of the Lula administration, which took office in January 2003, may have on Brazilian economic conditions or on our financial condition or results of operations. Since taking office, the Lula administration has obtained approval from the Brazilian Congress for the implementation of social security, tax and bankruptcy reforms and the regulation of public-private partnerships. The administration has also announced plans to reform legislation affecting other areas such as regulation of the power sector, infrastructure investment and the credit, capital and labor markets. Uncertainty over whether the Lula administration will implement changes in policy or regulation affecting these or other factors in the future may contribute to economic uncertainty in Brazil and to heightened volatility in the Brazilian securities markets and securities issued abroad that are supported by Brazilian issuers. Future developments or non-developments in the Brazilian economy and government policies may reduce demand for our services or products, adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations, and impact the market price of the Preferred Shares and ADSs.

Inflation and certain government measures to curb inflation may contribute significantly to economic uncertainty in Brazil and could harm our business and the market value of our ADSs.

Brazil has experienced extremely high rates of inflation in the past. Inflation and certain of the government measures taken in the attempt to curb inflation have had significant negative effects on the Brazilian economy. Since the introduction of the *real* in 1994, Brazil inflation rate has been substantially lower than in previous periods. However, inflationary pressures persist, and actions taken in an effort to curb inflation, coupled with public speculation about possible future governmental actions, have contributed to economic uncertainty in Brazil and heightened volatility in the Brazilian securities market. According to Brazil's general price index ("IGP-M"), the inflation rate was 9.9% in 2000, 10.4% in 2001, 25.3% in 2002, 8.7% in 2003, 12.4% in 2004 and 1.55% in the first quarter of 2005.

If Brazil experiences substantial inflation in the future, our costs may increase, and our operating and net margins may decrease. In addition, a substantial increase in inflation may weaken investor confidence in Brazil, and if investor confidence lags, the prices of our preferred shares and ADSs may fall. Inflationary pressures also could result in our inability to access foreign financial markets and may lead to further government intervention in the economy, including the introduction of government policies that may adversely affect the overall performance of the Brazilian economy. Future inflation could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Fluctuations in the value of the Brazilian *real* against the value of the U.S. dollar may adversely affect our ability to meet our foreign currency-denominated obligations, could create additional inflationary pressures in Brazil and could result in a decline in the market prices of our preferred shares and ADSs.

The Brazilian currencies have experienced devaluations in the past. The real devalued against the U.S. dollar by 18.7% in 2001 and 52.3% in 2002. In contrast, the real appreciated in 2003 and 2004 against the U.S. dollar by 18.2% and 8.1%, respectively. See []Item 3.A[]Selected Financial Data[]Exchange Rates[] for more information on exchange rates.

As of December 31, 2004, 40.3% of our R\$104.1 million total indebtedness was denominated in foreign currencies, primarily in U.S. dollars. As of December 31, 2004, we had currency hedges in place to cover virtually all of our foreign currency denominated debt. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 70% of costs relating to the acquisition of our network equipments are linked to payment by us in U.S. dollars. However, other than income derived from hedging transactions, all of our revenues are generated in *reais*. To the extent that the value of the *real* decreases relative to the U.S. dollar, our debt becomes more expensive to service and it becomes more costly for us to import technology and goods necessary to operate our business. Certain additional costs, however, are offset by revenues from corresponding hedging transactions. Nevertheless, currency fluctuations are expected to continue to affect our financial income and expense.

In addition, devaluation of the *real* relative to the U.S. dollar could create additional inflationary pressures in Brazil by generally increasing the price of imported products and requiring recessionary governmental policies to curb inflation. On the other hand, appreciation of the *real* against the U.S. dollar may lead to a deterioration of the country's current account and the balance of payments, as well as dampen export-driven growth. The potential impact of the floating exchange rate and of measures by the Brazilian government aimed at stabilizing the *real* is uncertain.

Adverse changes in Brazilian economic conditions could cause an increase in customer defaults on their outstanding obligations to us, which could materially reduce our earnings.

Our operations are significantly dependent on our customers ability to make payments on their accounts. If the Brazilian economy worsens because of, among other factors, the level of economic activity, devaluation of the *real*, inflation or an increase in domestic interest rates, a greater portion of our customers may not be able to make timely payments for services, which would increase our past due accounts and could materially reduce our net earnings.

Developments in other countries, especially in emerging market countries, may adversely affect the Brazilian economy, limit our access to international capital markets and negatively impact the market prices of our shares and ADSs.

The market value of securities of Brazilian companies is affected to varying degrees by economic and market conditions in other countries, including other Latin American and emerging market countries. Although economic conditions in such countries may differ significantly from economic conditions in Brazil, investors reactions to developments in these other countries may have an adverse effect on the market value of securities of Brazilian issuers. Crises in other emerging market countries may diminish investor interest in securities of Brazilian issuers, including ours. This could adversely affect the trading price of the ADSs or our preferred shares, and could also make it more difficult for us to access the capital markets and finance our operations in the future on acceptable terms or at all.

#### Enforcement of rights in Brazil may be difficult.

Our officers and many of our advisors reside in Brazil, and a substantial portion of the assets of these persons and our assets are located in Brazil. We are not aware of any treaty between the United States and Brazil regarding the reciprocal enforcement of judgments. It may not be possible to effect service of process upon these persons within the United States or other jurisdictions outside of Brazil. Similarly, it may not be possible to enforce judgments of non-Brazilian courts in Brazil, including judgments predicated on civil liability under the U.S. securities laws against us or our directors and officers.

## **Risks Relating to Our ADSs**

## Holders of our preferred shares have limited voting rights.

Of our two classes of capital stock outstanding, only our common shares have full voting rights. Except in certain limited circumstances, our preferred shares will be entitled to vote only in the event that we fail to pay minimum dividends for a period of three consecutive years. As a result, holders of our preferred shares generally will not be able to influence any corporate decision requiring a shareholder vote, including the declaration of dividends.

## Holders of our ADSs are not entitled to attend shareholders' meetings and may only vote through the Depositary.

Under Brazilian law, only shareholders registered as such in our corporate books may attend shareholders' meetings. All preferred shares underlying our ADSs are registered in the name of the Depositary. A holder of ADSs, accordingly, is not entitled to attend shareholders' meetings. A holder of ADSs is entitled to instruct the Depositary as to how to vote the preferred shares represented by ADSs, in accordance with procedures provided for in the deposit agreement, but a holder of ADSs will not be able to vote the underlying preferred shares directly at a shareholders' meeting or to appoint a proxy to do so.

#### Our ADSs or preferred shares may depreciate if our control is changed.

In the event there is a change of our control, our minority common shareholders are entitled to tag-along rights whereby they may choose to also sell their shares to the new controlling shareholder for at least 80% of the price paid by the new controlling shareholders for the common shares of our former controlling shareholder. Accordingly, if such change of control happens, the market value of our common shares may appreciate while the market value of our preferred shares may depreciate.

Holders of our ADSs or preferred shares in the United States may not be entitled to participate in future preemptive rights offerings.

Under Brazilian law, if we issue new shares for cash as part of a capital increase, we generally must grant our shareholders the right to purchase a sufficient number of shares to maintain their existing ownership percentage. Rights to purchase shares in these circumstances are known as preemptive rights. We may not legally allow holders of our ADSs or preferred shares in the United States to exercise any preemptive rights in

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any future capital increase unless we file a registration statement with the SEC with respect to that future issuance of shares or the offering qualifies for an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. At the time of any future capital increase, we will evaluate the costs and potential liabilities associated with filing a registration statement with the SEC and any other factors that we consider important to determine whether to file such a registration statement. We cannot assure holders of our ADSs or preferred shares in the United States that we will file a registration statement with the SEC to allow them to participate in a preemptive rights offering. As a result, the equity interest of those holders in us may be diluted proportionately.

Restrictions on the movement of capital out of Brazil may hinder our ADS investors' ability to receive dividends and distributions on, and the proceeds of any sale of, our preferred shares.

The Brazilian federal government may impose temporary restrictions on the conversion of *reais* into foreign currencies and on the remittance to foreign investors of proceeds from investments in Brazil. Brazilian law permits the government to impose these restrictions whenever there is a serious imbalance in Brazil's balance of payments or reasons to foresee a serious imbalance.

Any restrictions by the Brazilian federal government on capital outflow may hinder or prevent our ADS investors from converting the proceeds relating to our preferred shares into U.S. dollars and remitting those proceeds abroad. Our ADS investors could be adversely affected by delays in obtaining any required governmental approval for conversion of *reais* payments and remittances abroad in respect of our preferred shares underlying the ADSs.

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#### **Item 4. Information on the Company**

#### **Basic Information**

TIM Participações S.A. is a corporation (sociedade anônima) organized under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil and is a combination of two of the holding companies formed as a result of the Breakup of Telebrás by the Federal Government in May 1998.

Through Tim Sul and TIM Nordeste, our operating subsidiaries, we provide cellular telecommunications services to approximately 5.7 million customers in the Brazilian states of Paraná (other than the municipalities of Londrina and Tamarana) and Santa Catarina and in the cities of Pelotas, Capão do Leão, Morro Redondo and Turuçu in the state of Rio Grande do Sul (collectively, the  $\square$ Southern Region $\square$ ), and in the Brazilian states of Piauí, Ceará, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco and Alagoas (collectively, the  $\square$ Northeastern Region $\square$ ) under authorizations obtained from the Federal Government.

Our headquarters are located at Rua Comendador Araújo, 299 [] 🗗 floor, 80420-000, Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, and our telephone number is +55 (41) 3312-6702.

#### **Organizational Structure**

Our controlling shareholder, TIM Brasil (formerly Bitel), is a wholly owned Brazilian subsidiary of TIM International N.V., which in turn is a wholly owned Netherlands subsidiary of Telecom Italia Mobile. Telecom Italia Mobile operates in the Italian, Latin American and Mediterranean basin markets, reaching a total of 53.8 million clients worldwide as of December 31, 2004, of which 26.2 million are in the Italian market. The merger of Telecom Italia Mobile with and into Telecom Italia S.p.A. (|Telecom Italia|) was approved in a series of shareholder meetings held in early April 2005, and is effective on June 30, 2005. Telecom Italia is one of the world\(\pi\) s largest fixed-line telecommunications operators, with approximately 25.9 million installed fixed lines (including ISDN equivalent lines). Telecom Italia\s business activities also include leasing its lines and providing data communications services, information technology software and information technology services. Some of these services are provided through Finsiel, Olivetti, Technost, Telecom Italia Lab and Telecom Italia Media. In May 2003, the shareholders of Telecom Italia and Olivetti S.p.A. ([Olivetti]) approved the merger of Telecom Italia into Olivetti. Upon completion of this merger, the new entity was named ∏Telecom Italia S.p.A. ☐ The group ☐ subsidiaries and its portfolio of investments include fixed-line and mobile telecommunications companies which operate mainly in Latin America and certain European countries. During January 2005, Telecom Italia carried out a voluntary partial tender offer for Telecom Italia Mobile\s ordinary shares and a voluntary tender offer for all of Telecom Italia Mobile's savings shares.

Telecom Italia Mobile began operating in Brazil in 1998 and is today one of the leading wireless operators in the country, reaching more than 14.6 million customers nationwide as of December 31, 2004. Telecom Italia Mobile considers its operations in Brazil extremely important, both as a standalone business and as a fundamental part of its Pan-South American GSM strategy. In the 2001 auctions held by Anatel for Bands D and E, Telecom Italia Mobile was the only company to be awarded licenses covering the entirety of the Brazilian territory, becoming as a result the sole operator to offer services on a nationwide level under the same brand. In 2002, Telecom Italia Mobile formed TIM Brasil, the holding company of Telecom Italia Mobile operating companies in the country. These operating companies include, in addition to us, TIM Maxitel, a Band B operating company using TDMA and GSM technologies to service the states of Bahia, Minas Gerais and Sergipe; and TIM Celular □ PCS, a Band D operating company using GSM technology to service the states of São Paulo, Goiás, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul and Rio Grande do Sul (except Pelotas) and in the Federal District and a Band E operating company using GSM technology to service the states of Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, Tocantins and Rio de Janeiro.

#### **Historical Background**

Prior to the incorporation of Telebrás in 1972, there were more than 900 telecommunications companies operating throughout Brazil. Between 1972 and 1975, Telebrás and its operating subsidiaries (collectively the <code>[Predecessor Companies, ]</code> comprising the <code>[Telebrás System]</code>), acquired almost all the other telephone companies operating in Brazil and controlled public telecommunications services in almost all of Brazil.

Beginning in 1995, the Federal Government undertook a comprehensive reform of Brazil[s telecommunications regulatory system. In July 1997, Brazil[s National Congress adopted the Geral de Telecommunicações (the General Telecommunications Law, and together with the regulations, decrees, orders and plans in respect of telecommunications issued by Brazils Executive Branch, the Telecommunications Regulations, which provided for the establishment of a new regulatory framework, the introduction of competition and the privatization of Telebrás. The General Telecommunications Law established an independent regulatory agency called Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações ANATEL (Anatel).

In January 1998, in preparation for the Breakup of Telebrás, the cellular telecommunications operations of Telebrás operating subsidiaries were spun off into separate companies. The predecessors to our Subsidiaries were created in connection with this corporate reorganization, along with other cellular companies that also started operating under the Telebrás System.

In May 1998, through the breakup of Telebrás, 12 new holding companies (the []New Holding Companies[]) were formed. The restructuring was conducted by means of a procedure under Brazilian Corporate Law called  $cis\~ao$  or split up. Virtually all of the assets and liabilities of Telebrás, including the shares held by Telebrás in the operating companies of the Telebrás System, were allocated to the New Holding Companies. The split-up of the Telebrás System into the New Holding Companies is referred to in this respect as the []Breakup[]0 or the []Breakup of Telebrás.[]

The New Holding Companies, together with their respective subsidiaries, consisted of:

- eight cellular telecommunications service providers, each operating in one of eight regions (each a [Cellular Region[]);
- three fixed-line telecommunications service providers, each providing local service and intraregional long distance service in one of three regions (each a <code>[Fixed-Line Region[])</code>; and
- Embratel Participações S.A. [ Embratel ([Embratel]), which provides domestic long distance telecommunications service (including intraregional and interregional), as well as international telecommunications service throughout Brazil.

TSU and TND, the two companies that recently merged to form TIM, were each one of the New Holding Companies. In the Breakup of Telebrás, TSU and TND were each allocated all of the share capital of held by Telebrás in the operating subsidiaries of the Telebrás System that provided cellular telecommunications services in their respective regions. The New Holding Company providing fixed-line telecommunications service in the Southern Region, in which TIM Sul operates, is Brasil Telecom, S/A ([Brasil Telecom[]) and the New Holding Company providing fixed-line telecommunications service in the Northeastern Region, in which TIM Nordeste operates, is Tele Norte Leste Participacoes S.A. (together with its subsidiaries, [Telemar[]).

In July 1998, the Federal Government sold substantially all its shares of the New Holding Companies, including its shares of TSU and TND, to private investors. Shares of TSU and TND previously owned by the Federal Government were sold to a consortium comprised of UGB Participações Ltda. ([UGB]) and Bitel, both companies organized according to the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil. In March 1999, UGB sold its ownership interest in TSU and TND to Bitel, effective on upon approval by Anatel and the Brazilian antitrust agency ([CADE]). In September 2003, TIM Brasil S.A. merged into Bitel, and its corporate name was changed to TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. ([TIM Brasil]). TIM Brasil is wholly owned, indirectly, by Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A., a corporation organized under the laws of Italy.

In December 2002, our Subsidiaries converted their respective concessions to operate under Cellular Mobile Service ([SMC]) regulations into authorizations to operate under Personal Communications Services ([PCS]) regulations. Each of SMC and PCS are subject to specific regulations that differ from each other. As part of this conversion process, in July 2003 each of our Subsidiaries also received from Anatel a national long distance and an international authorization, which were returned to Anatel in January 2005.

In July 2003, TSU subsidiaries Telesc Celular and CTMR Celular merged into Telepar Celular, which had its name changed to TIM Sul S.A. ([TIM Sul]). In January 2004, TND[s then-subsidiaries merged into Telpe Celular,

which had its name changed to TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. (☐TIM Nordeste☐).

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In August 2004, TND merged with and into TSU and the latter was renamed TIM Participações S.A. ([TIM[]), in order to integrate the two companies[] operations, reduce administrative costs, improve access to capital and achieve greater market liquidity. TIM Nordeste, formerly an operating subsidiary of TND, became an operating subsidiary of TIM, along with TIM Sul. For accounting purposes, the merger was treated as if it had occurred on January 1, 2004.

## **Recent Developments**

#### Merger of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. into Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A.

On August 19, 2004 and August 30, 2004, the shareholders of TND and TSU, respectively, approved the merger of TND into TSU, under which TND ceased to exist. Additionally, TSU changed its name to TIM Participações S.A.

With the merger, TIM Participações S.A. became the holding company of TIM Nordeste (formerly held by TND), together with the already held subsidiary TIM Sul S.A. Through these two operating subsidiaries, we offer cellular telecommunication services in six states in the Northeast, two states in the South, and the region of Pelotas in state of Rio Grande do Sul.

On October 11, 2004 TIM Participações S.A. shares began trading on the Bovespa, under the ticker name TIM PART S/A, keeping the former Tele Celular Sul trading codes, i.e., TCSL3 for common shares and TCSL4 for preferred shares. As for the Company ADRs, shares of the merged company began trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on October 15, 2004, keeping the TSU trading ticker.

#### Ownership Restructuring of the Companies controlled by TIM Participações

On May 30, 2005 the shareholders of each of TIM Participações, TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste approved the merger of all shares issued by TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste to be exchanged for shares of TIM Participações. The primary purpose of the transaction is to increase the liquidity of the publicly traded stock of the companies involved.

Minority shareholders of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste who do not exercise withdrawal rights will receive shares of TIM Participações. The exercise of withdrawal rights by minority shareholders of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, as well by common shareholders of TIM Participações, will be available until July 1, 2005. Common shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste will be exchanged for common shares of TIM Participações and preferred shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste will be exchanged for preferred shares of TIM Participações. As a result of the merger, TIM Participações shall own all of the common and preferred shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, both of which shall become wholly owned subsidiaries of TIM Participações. The transaction described above is expected not to impact the operational activities of TIM Nordeste nor TIM Sul.

On May 30, 2005, the corporate capital of TIM Participações was increased by R\$415,068,708.68 with the issuance of 160,311,357,056 shares that were subscribed by the minority shareholders of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste. The total capital of TIM Participações after the capital increase was R\$1,472,074,524.97.

The merger and the other ancillary transactions, however, have been suspended in view of injunctions and temporary restraining orders issued as a result of the judicial challenges brought by (i) certain of Brasil Telecom[s indirect shareholders in the courts of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and (ii) other of Brasil Telecom[s indirect shareholders in a Federal Court in the State of New York. At this stage, we cannot assure that the final outcome of these judicial disputes would be favorable or otherwise authorize the implementation of the merger as planned.

## **GSM Overlay**

We began offering Global System for Mobile Communications ([GSM]) technology to our customers in the second half of 2003. By late 2004, our GSM coverage reached 599 cities, meaning that the services were extended to 91% and 82% of the urban population in the Southern and Northeastern Regions, respectively. By year end, 2,049,456 of our customers or 36% of our total lines were using GSM technology, representing 46.4% and 24.8% of our customers in the Southern and Northeastern Regions, respectively.

Cities covered by GSM technology have access to General Packet Radio Service ([GPRS]) and the high-speed, Enhanced Data rates for Global Evolution ([EDGE]) technologies. These innovations facilitated the use of data and multimedia services by customers all over Brazil.

#### **TIM Brasil Recent Developments**

Upon the Breakup of the Telebrás System, the Brazilian territory was initially divided by Anatel into eight separate cellular service regions ([Band A Regions[]), each serviced by one of the New Holding Companies operating in the cellular telecommunications business. In addition, under the General Telecommunications Law, the Federal Government granted authorizations to new companies to provide cellular telecommunications service within a 25 MHz sub-band within the band of 800 to 850 MHz, which is referred to as Band B ([Band B[]). Companies operating under the Band B are distributed throughout ten different regions, which generally overlap with the Band A Regions.

The rules set forth by Anatel prevented the controlling shareholders of Band A and Band B cellular service providers from holding more than one license, either in the form of an authorization or a concession, in a single PCS region. Accordingly, a company controlling a Band A or Band B cellular service provider that acquired control of a PCS authorization resulting in a geographical overlap of its licenses had two alternatives:

- it could have sold its controlling shares in either the Band A or the Band B cellular service provider within six months of purchasing the PCS authorization; or
- it could have waived the right to operate under the PCS authorization in the areas where overlapping Band A and Band B services existed.

As a result, some companies controlled by Telecom Italia Mobile waived their rights to provide PCS services in certain areas. Specifically, in 2001, TIM Brasil\[ \] s subsidiaries Portale Rio Norte and TIM Centro Sul waived their rights to operate under PCS authorizations in areas currently served by TIM Maxitel and us, because of geographical overlaps in the PCS authorizations awarded to Portale Rio Norte and TIM Centro Sul and the concessions held at that time by Maxitel and us.

On December 31, 2002, TIM Celular Centro Sul and Portale Rio Norte merged into Portale São Paulo S.A. On January 22, 2003, Portale São Paulo S.A. changed its name to TIM Celular S.A. and presently is headquartered in the city of São Paulo.

#### Agreement between Telecom Italia Group and Brasil Telecom

On April 28, 2005, Telecom Italia's subsidiary, TIM Brasil, and Brasil Telecom reached an agreement of strategic significance which management believes will allow the Telecom Italia Group to achieve significant economies of scale, better exploiting the synergies resulting from the integration of the fixed and mobile platforms in Brazil.

The agreement, which entails a series of transactions requiring the approval of the relevant Brazilian authorities, calls for: (i) the merger of Brasil Telecom Celular (BRTC), a company 100%-controlled by Brasil Telecom and operating mobile services in Region 2, into TIM Brasil; (ii) the development of commercial and marketing activities, combining the two groups' technological know-how, services and distribution networks; and (iii) the elimination of existing regulatory overlapping licenses.

In particular, TIM Brasil will relinquish its long distance license and will avail itself of the transport services of Brasil Telecom, and Brasil Telecom will acquire a minor equity participation in TIM Brasil and will place its sites and infrastructure at the disposal of TIM Brasil, thus accelerating plans for the development of network coverage.

The agreement is designed to, inter alia, meet the requirements of the Brazilian Telecommunications Authority (ANATEL) aimed at resolving the issue of the overlapping mobile and long distance licenses of the two groups.

In addition, on April 28, 2005, Telecom Italia Group agreed to finally settle pending litigation against Brasil Telecom and its controlling shareholders.

At the beginning of May, several actions were brought by certain pension fund indirect shareholders in Solpart, with regard to the above mentioned agreements, in order to challenge the implementation of the merger between TIM Brasil and 14 Brasil Telecom Celular. With respect to such actions, two interim reliefs were granted by the courts of Rio de Janeiro against Telecom Italia International, TIM International, TIM Brasil, Techold, Timepart, Solpart and others, in order to prevent acts aimed at implementing the merger of Brasil Telecom Celular with and into TIM Brasil, according to the agreement reached by the two companies on April 28, 2005. TI group companies filed appeals against both injunctions.

## **Capital Expenditures**

Our capital expenditure priorities in 2004 related primarily to the expansion of our GSM network, as well as to expanding coverage, enhancing information technology and adapting our network to comply with PCS regulations. Capital expenditures during 2002, 2003 and 2004 were R\$68.7 million, R\$213.0 million and R674.9 million, respectively. Through March 31, 2005, capital expenditures in 2005 amounted to R\$48.6 million.

The following table sets forth our capital expenditures in each individual category for the three-year period ended December 31, 2004.

Year ended December 3	1.
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Capital Expenditures Categories (1)	200	)2	2003	(pro forma) 2003	2004
Telecommunications equipment	R\$ 34	1.5	R\$ 146.1	302.5	472.5
Network construction	1	1.4	4.9	52.1	77.7
Information technology	22	2.2	35.6	69.6	52.2

PCS License		[	17.6	40.9	2.8
Others		10.6	8.8	40.5	69.7
Total capital expenditures	R\$	68.7	R\$ 213.0	505.6	674.9

(1) Columns may not add due to rounding.

Of our total R\$ 674.9 million capital expenditures in 2004, R\$634.1 million were used in connection with the implementation of our GSM network. Our capital expenditure priorities in 2005 include the expansion of our GSM network. We have planned for approximately R\$ 561.7 million in capital expenditures for 2005. We set capital expenditure estimates yearly and base them on commercial, technical and economic factors such as service rates, service demand, price and availability of equipment. There is no assurance that our estimates of such commercial, technical and economic factors will prove to be correct, or that we will actually spend our planned capital expenditures in 2005.

For a discussion of the methods we used to finance capital expenditures and the recent evolution of capital expenditures, see | Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects | Liquidity and Capital Resources. |

#### **Business Overview**

#### **Our Services**

We are the leading provider of cellular telecommunications services in our regions, supplying both TDMA and GSM services. Our digital cellular telecommunications service is based on the TDMA and GSM technologies. Our TDMA technology was launched in December 1998. We started providing GSM technology services in August 2003. GSM technology is currently used by the Telecom Italia Mobile companies operating in Brazil and throughout the world. GSM technology provides users with additional functionality as GSM devices use  $\square$ SIM Cards $\square$  which store the user $\square$ s data and may be transferred to other handsets quickly and easily, with significant benefits in national and international roaming.

We offer our TDMA and GSM customers automatic roaming services throughout Brazil, allowing customers to obtain cellular telecommunications services while outside our regions. Due to the fact that we have agreements with 117 cellular telecommunications service providers, our GSM clients benefit from international roaming services in 176 countries. Similarly, we provide roaming services to customers of certain

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cellular telecommunications service providers while in our regions. See  $\cite{thm}\c$ 

We also offer value added services, including short message services, voicemail, caller identification, call forwarding, conference calling and selective and international call blocking and others.

We also provide interconnection services to fixed-line and cellular service providers. See  $\square\square$ Our Contractual Obligations $\square$ Interconnection Agreements. $\square$ 

#### **Our Regions**

TIM Participações covers an area containing 44.4 million inhabitants. The two subsidiaries cover 5.7 million customers in 8 Brazilian states Alagoas, Pernambuco, Paraíba, Rio Grande do Norte, Ceará, Piauí, Paraná and Santa Catarina in addition to the region of Pelotas, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. In 2004, their combined penetration reached 29% and their combined market share totaled 43.8%.

The map below shows the location of our Southern and Northeast Regions within Brazil.

Our Southern Region covers an area of approximately 296,000 square kilometers, or 3.5% of the Brazilian territory. According to statistics publicly available in Brazil, we believe that our Southern Region has 19 metropolitan areas, with more than 100,000 residents. For example, the city of Curitiba, located in our Southern Region, is the seventh most populated city in Brazil, with approximately 1.6 million residents.

Our Northeastern Region covers an area of approximately 635,486 square kilometers, representing approximately 7.4% of Brazil\(\sigma\) area. The Region has 55 metropolitan areas with populations in excess of 100,000, including the cities of Fortaleza and Recife, Brazil\(\sigma\) s fifth and eighth largest cities, respectively.

The following table sets forth combined information on our customer base, coverage and related matters, at the dates and for the years indicated. Except as otherwise indicated, the amounts presented in the following table are our estimates.

	On December 31,			
	2002	2003	2004(4)	
Population in our Region (millions) <sup>(1)</sup> Population covered (millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	15.0 12.1	15.6 12.6	44.4 28.8	

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Percentage of total population we covered (2)	81.0%	82.0%	64.6%
Total penetration (3)	18.0%	24.0%	29.1
Number of cellular lines served by TIM (millions)	1.7	2.1	5.6
Percentage growth in cellular lines served by TIM during the year	7.5%	19.0%	33.8%

- (1) Information from the *Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia Estatística* (□IBGE□) based upotenso Demográfico 2000.
- (2) Population within our Region that was able to access our cellular phone signal.
- (3) Percentage of the total population in our Region using cellular services.
- (4) 2004 figures refer to both TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste.

In 2004 our total penetration was estimated at 29.1% versus 24.0% in 2003, below the national average of 36.6%. As for regional performance, we held a leading position in both the South and Northeast in 2004. In

particular, our estimated penetration was 39% in the South where the Company achieved an estimated market share of 47.9%, while in the Northeast penetration reached 23% and the market share was 39.9%. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects depend on the performance of the Brazilian economy, and the economy of the Northeastern Region in particular. See  $\lceil$ Item 3. Key Information $\rceil$ Risk Factors. $\rceil$ 

## The Holding Company and Subsidiaries

Substantially all assets held by the Holding Company consist of shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste. We rely almost exclusively on dividends from TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste to meet our needs for cash, including to pay dividends to our shareholders.

#### **Sources of Revenue**

Our total gross revenue by category of activity for each of the last three fiscal years are as set forth below:

Category of Activity	2002	2003	2004
	(thousands of <i>reais</i> )		
Cellular telephone services Sales of handsets and accessories	976,629 174,879	1,159,472 255,716	2,782,403 646,772
Total	1,151,508	1,283,017	3,429,175

Revenue from cellular telephone services includes revenue from:

- network usage charges for cellular calls;
- usage charges for national and international long distance calls (however, we no longer offer domestic and international long-distance services);
- monthly subscription charges;
- interconnection charges;
- value-added services, including charges for short messaging services, call forwarding, call waiting, voicemail, invoice control, conference calling, and value-added services provided by third parties through commercial agreements; and
- sales of cellular handsets.

### Network Usage Charges and Monthly Subscription Charges

### **Local Services**

Cellular Service Usage Rates. Unlike in North America, cellular telecommunications service in Brazil is offered on a [calling party pays] basis, under which the customer generally pays only for outgoing calls.

Additional charges apply when a customer receives or places calls while outside of his Home Registration Area, as defined below.

We charge different rates for our services, which vary depending on the time of the day a call is made, the day of the week the call is made, the customer service plan, and the location of the parties on a call. While operating under the SMC regulations, we divided our Region into certain areas defined as home registration areas ([Home Registration Areas]). Each of our customers were registered as a user of one of our 67 Home Registration Areas, into which our Southern and Northeastern Regions were divided. Under the PCS authorizations, our Southern Region is divided into 10 Home Registration Areas and our Northeastern Region is divided into 9 Home Registration Areas.

Our usage rate categories were not altered by our migration from the SMC to the PCS regime, which as of December 2004, were as follows:

- **VC1**. The <code>\[ \] VC1\[ \] rate</code> is our lowest rate per minute and applies to calls made by a custom\( \) custom \( \) custom \( \) Registration Area to a person registered in the same HomeRegistration Area.
- AD. □AD□ is a per-call surcharge applicable to all outgoing calls or incoming calls made **ore**ceived by a customer while outside such customer s Home Registration Area.

#### **Long Distance Services**

Effective January 2005, we are no longer offering long distance services and do not have revenues arising from such services. See [Risk Factors]Risks Relating to our Business]We no longer offer domestic and international long distance services. The following discussion is relevant to an understanding of our predecessor business.

Since July 2003, with the introduction of the *Código de Seleção de Prestadora* (the <code>CSP Program</code>, customers can select long distance carriers on a per-call basis. In addition, Home Registration Areas are larger and fewer in number, compared to the ones existing under the SMC regulations. Under this new rate allocation structure, a customer is charged the VC-1 rate directly by us only for calls completed to a number registered within that customer shome Registration Area. Long distance calls, however, are charged to a customer by the chosen long distance carrier. Other long distance carriers, in turn, will pay us a new VU-M fee for any use of our network for such a long distance call.

Beginning July 2003, our long distance usage rate categories were as follows:

- VC2. The UC2 rate applies to calls placed by a customer located in one of our Homegistration Areas selecting us as the long distance carrier, on a per-call basis, to place a call to a customer registered in another Home Registration Area in the same Region;
- VC3. The [VC3] rate applies to calls placed by a customer located in one of our Homegistration Areas selecting us as the long distance carrier, on a per-call basis, to place a call to a customer registered outside the Region; and
- **VU-M.** []VU-M[] is an interconnection fee we charge the other long distance carriers selected logur customers to carry their long distance call.

*Service Plans.* We offer various service plans to our customers. We believe our plans provide features that address specific needs of groups of our customers. Our plans vary with respect to the different services available and applicable charges, and they vary based on the Home Registration Area of the user.

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#### Cellular plans

Beginning in July 2003, our TDMA plans were adapted to the new rate structure applicable to the PCS regime. Accordingly, beginning August 2003, our TDMA plans were structured in a way that we charged a monthly fee for a certain number of usage minutes included in a service plan. In addition, we also started providing GSM technology services.

We also provide additional revenue generating services such as call blocking, short messaging services, call forwarding, call waiting, voicemail and conference calling. In connection with the GSM plans, we also provide additional services such as photo messaging and short voice messaging services.

Roaming Fees. We receive revenue pursuant to roaming agreements with other cellular telecommunications service providers. When a call is made from within one of our Regions by a client of another cellular service provider, that service provider pays us a roaming charge for the call which is charged at the applicable rate from the TIM Basic Plan approved by Anatel.

Similarly, when one of our clients makes a cellular call when that customer is outside of the Region, we must pay the charges associated with that call to the cellular communication service provider in whose region the call originates. See  $\square\square$ Our Contractual Obligations $\square$ Roaming Agreements. $\square$ 

Prepaid Service Fees. Beginning in April 1999, we started offering customers pre-paid cellular telecommunications services. Through our pre-paid plans, our customers acquire calling cards that provide a certain number of credits that can be used to place calls. Our customers may purchase calling cards at various points of sale throughout our Regions, such as banks, grocery stores and gas stations. Our customers may also recharge their calling cards at various points of sale throughout our Regions instead of purchasing a new card. We estimate that on December 31, 2004, these points of sale numbered approximately 40,193.

#### **Interconnection Charges**

Prior to July 2003, we charged a telecommunications service provider from whose network a call originated an interconnection charge for every minute our network was used in connection with such call. See  $\square\square$ Our Contractual Obligations $\square$ Interconnection Agreements. $\square$  As of July 2003, operating under the PCS authorizations, we charge interconnection fees to long distance companies chosen by our customers to carry their long distance calls. See  $\square\square$ Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry $\square$ PCS Regulations. $\square$ 

On October 19, 2000, the interconnection rate in effect was R\$0.2552 per minute, net of taxes. On February 28, 2002, Anatel authorized a 10.6% increase in the interconnection rate, to R\$0.2823 per minute, net of taxes. On February 6, 2003, Anatel authorized a 22.0% increase in the interconnection rate, to R\$0.3443 per minute, net of taxes. On February 9, 2004, Anatel authorized a 9.3% increase in the interconnection rate, to R\$0.3763 per minute, net of taxes.

Beginning in July 2004, interconnection charges became negotiable among telecommunications service providers in Brazil within rules promulgated by Anatel. We are not able to anticipate the impact of the Anatel rules on such negotiations. Under a temporary settlement agreement relating to interconnection fees entered into

by the fixed telephony incumbents (with the exception of Telemar and Embratel) and the mobile service providers, our interconnection fee paid by other operators when their users access our network to communicate with our users will be adjusted by 4.5%, in the case of calls completed to a number registered within that customer shome registration area (VC-1 calls). This adjustment is not applicable to other types of calls (such as VC-2 and VC-3 calls) and will only apply until an arbitration procedure currently before Anatel is resolved. We have agreed that the result of such procedure will not affect the fees received while the temporary settlement agreement was in place. We cannot estimate the date on which a decision will be available nor its outcome. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry.

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### Co-Billing Services

Co-billing occurs when we bill one of our clients on behalf of another long distance service provider for services rendered our client by that carrier. Beginning July 2003, we started providing co-billing services to other telecommunication service providers operating in Brazil. The rates of such services are being negotiated between the companies under the supervision of Anatel.

#### Value-Added Services

We offer, directly and through agreements that we have executed with third parties, value-added services such as short messaging services, multimedia message services (MMS), voice mail, call waiting, call forwarding, conference calling services, among others. We have also entered into agreements with our competitors related to our short messaging services. As a result of these agreements, beginning December 2001, our customers were able to receive and send short messages throughout Brazil.

## Sales of Cellular Handsets

We started selling cellular handsets in February 1999, both directly and indirectly through our dealer network. At present, we believe that supplies of cellular handsets are sufficient to satisfy demand in our Regions. See □□Our Network.□

#### **Sales and Marketing**

We divide our market into three main categories: large business customers (businesses with four or more cellular lines), medium business customers (businesses with fewer than four cellular lines), and individual customers. These categories are divided further according to level of usage, distinguishing, for example, high-volume users from other categories of usage. We take these categories into account when developing service plans, sales strategies, customer service strategies and new products, as well as for billing and collection purposes. We also use market research reports and focus group studies to analyze our customer base.

We market our services through a network of stores, including general retail stores that sell our cellular telecommunications services and related goods on a non-exclusive basis and dedicated outlets that sell our services and goods exclusively. Sales of our products and services are offered by our sales personnel and also by authorized dealers, who are not our employees. We select our authorized dealers based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the suitability of the premises in which our services and ancillary merchandise will be offered.

Our personnel and authorized dealers receive ongoing training and marketing support. We generally have the ability to terminate contracts with our personnel and authorized dealers for any reason by giving a written notice of termination. On December 31, 2004, services were marketed through 2,030 points of sale, out of which 32

were operated directly by our sales personnel and 1,998 through our authorized dealers, and 40.2 thousand recharging points for prepaid service.

Anatel regulations require cellular telecommunications companies to provide service to all individuals regardless of income level requesting their services. Nonetheless, we can recommend service plans that are suitable to each potential customer service and credit history, such as our pre-paid service plan. If a customer fails to make timely payments, services can be interrupted. See []Billing and Collection.

In March 1999, we commenced marketing our cellular telecommunications services under the brand <code>TIM,</code> which is also used by Maxitel and TIM Celular.

#### **Seasonality**

We have experienced a trend of generating a significantly higher number of new clients and handset sales in the fourth quarter of each year as compared to the other three fiscal quarters. A number of factors contribute to this trend, including the increased use of retail distribution in which sales volume increases significantly during the year-end holiday shopping season, the timing of new product and service announcements and introductions, aggressive marketing and promotions and greater tourism volume in the fourth quarter of each year.

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#### **Our Network**

On December 31, 2004, our TDMA cellular telecommunications network included 1,597 radio base stations, and our GSM network included 1,956 radio base stations. We expanded our TDMA and GSM[]s network during 2004, increasing the number of radio base stations by 0.8% and 74.6% respectively, compared to December 31, 2003. We plan to continue to expand our cellular telecommunications network to cover as broad a geographical area as economically feasible in response to projected consumer demand. The network is connected primarily through a fiber-optic transmission system leased from the fixed-line service providers operating within our Regions.

We continue to keep GSM network quality of service development and control in response to customers needs and regulatory requirements. By late 2004, the GSM coverage reached 599 cities, meaning that the services were extended to 91% and 82% of the urban population in the South and Northeast Regions, respectively. The network is connected primarily by a fiber-optic transmission system leased from Telemar and Embratel. Nokia, Ericsson and Siemens are our main suppliers of GSM network equipment.

TIM was subject to the PCS quality of service indicators as of September 2003. As of December 2004, TIM had achieved the majority, but not all, of the service of quality requirements applicable to the PCS service operators. Anatel has initiated administrative proceedings against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste with respect to certain violations of such standards. We believe these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on us. See \textsuperscript{\textsuperscript{Obligations}} of Telecommunications Companies.\textsuperscript{\textsuperscript{While}} there can be no assurances, we will continue to make efforts to meet all our quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations.

## **Billing and Collection**

Our TDMA billing and collection system, known as Business Support and Control System, was provided by Communications System Inc. LHS, a German company. These systems have four main functions:

- customer registration;
- customer information management;
- accounts receivable management; and
- billing and collection.

Based upon our global management approach to the GSM national market, our GSM billing systems are currently shared with TIM Brasil under mutual support relations. The global billing system supplier for TIM Brasil and TIM is Communications System Inc. LHS, a German company. These systems offer the same features as mentioned above relating to our TDMA technology. See [Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions.]

These billing systems give us significant flexibility in developing service plans and billing options and is integrated with our computer systems. Our billing systems are important tools in the performance of services, assisting in many areas of our business, including marketing, customer service and credit management. Pursuant to Anatel\[ \]s regulations, customers must receive a telecommunications service bill at least five days before due. We believe that we are generally in compliance with this requirement. Currently, if a customer\[ \]s payment is more than 15 days overdue, we usually suspend the customer\[ \]s ability to make outgoing calls, and if the payment is 45 days overdue, we discontinue the service entirely.

Pursuant to Anatel regulations, we and other telephone service providers operating in Brazil periodically reconcile the interconnection and roaming charges owed among them and settle on a net basis. See <code>\[Sources of Revenue[Interconnection Charges[]]</code> and <code>\[Sources of Revenue[]]Roaming Fees.[]</code> Currently, the roaming reconciliation process is largely managed by Verisign Clearing House. The interconnection reconciliation process is primarily managed directly by us.

#### **Customer Service**

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We operate call centers that allow our customers to obtain customer service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. On December 31, 2004, 1,942 employees, contractors and interns were customer service representatives. During 2004, we handled 28,181,912 customer service calls.

We developed a strong client retention strategy, focused on client satisfaction, utilizing CRM and contact management as main tools. Under such strategy, we have specific relationship programs for each segment of clients. We have implemented several ways in which our clients can contact the Company: the CRC (Customer Relations Center), the Customer Council, the Ombudsman and the hotline [Fale com o Presidente] (Speak to the President).

We have also created a Satisfaction Committee, which is formed by high management personnel from all areas within TIM Participações who maintain a direct relationship our clients. This committee monitors procedures involving our clients and their respective quality indicators.

Through our website, our clients may obtain copies of invoices, as well as access information regarding operations, new services and rate plans.

#### Fraud Detection and Prevention

Subscription fraud and cloning fraud are common in parts of Brazil and are experienced by us. Subscription fraud occurs when the perpetrator of the fraud obtains identification documents of another individual, either real or forged, and utilizes them to obtain cellular services. Cloning fraud is less common than subscription fraud and currently is almost non-existent on GSM networks. Cloning fraud consists of duplicating the cellular signal of a client, enabling the perpetrator of the fraud to make telephone calls using the client signal. Such calls are billed to the client, but the receivable is written off when we discover it arose from a fraudulent call. If part of a fraudulent call is carried by the network of another service provider, we are obligated to pay that service provider the applicable interconnection fee, regardless of whether we ever collect the receivable associated with the call.

We have implemented fraud-prevention and fraud-detection measures in an effort to detect fraud as quickly as possible and thereby reduce costs associated with fraud. Fraud detection measures include the collection and review of call records to detect abnormal calling patterns. When abnormal patterns are found, the client or user is contacted by our fraud control staff and, if cloning has occurred, the client sumber, cellular telephone or both are changed. If subscription fraud has occurred, both the applicable number and the cellular telephone line are terminated. Fraud prevention measures include restrictions on international calls from a given number and restrictions on three-way calling by customers with international direct-dial access.

We have a nationwide fraud detection system licensed from Digital Equipment Corporation. This system analyzes various aspects of cellular service usage including simultaneous usage by a single client, call frequency and unusually high usage patterns. The system has been operational within our Regions since July 1998.

## **Our Contractual Obligations**

#### **Interconnection Agreements**

We have entered into interconnection agreements with Embratel, Brasil Telecom, Vésper S.A., Claro (a brand operated by BSE S.A.), Telemar PCS ([Oi]), Intelig S.A. and other telecommunications service providers operating in Brazil. The terms of our interconnection agreements include provisions specifying the number of interconnection points, the method by which signals must be received and transmitted, and the costs and fees for interconnection services. Due to our migration to GSM service, we have adapted our interconnection to conform to the new SMP rules and submitted these revised contracts to Anatel. A number of our interconnection agreements currently are being reviewed by Anatel in light of our migration to PCS and are still pending approval. Nevertheless, even in the absence of approval by Anatel, the parties to these interconnection agreements are obligated to offer interconnection services to each other. In the absence of a specific agreement, the interconnection rates that we charge are those established by Anatel regulations. See  $\square$ Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry $\square$ Interconnection Regulation. $\square$ 

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### **Roaming Agreements**

We have entered into roaming agreements for automatic roaming with other cellular service providers operating outside our Regions. Automatic roaming permits our clients to use their cellular telephones on the networks of other cellular service providers while traveling or <code>[roaming[]</code> in Brazil outside our Regions. Similarly, we provide cellular telecommunications service to customers of other cellular service providers when those customers place or receive calls while visiting our Regions. The cellular service providers party to these agreements must provide service to roaming clients on the same basis that they provide service to their own clients and to carry out a monthly reconciliation of roaming charges. The agreements have a one-year term and

automatically renew for additional one-year terms.

We, through TIM Brasil, are a member of the Roaming Management Committee, a group comprised of 21 cellular telecommunications service providers operating in Brazil. The Roaming Management Committee was created to independently control the activities related to roaming services in Brazil and the international roaming agreements entered into by Brazilian companies with telecommunications service providers operating in the member countries of Mercosur.

The Roaming Management Committee requires the cellular service providers to service national roaming customers generally on the same basis as the service provided to their respective own customers, and to carry out a monthly reconciliation of roaming usage charges.

## **International Roaming Agreements**

We have roaming agreements with other GSM telecommunications service providers operating in 117 countries.

### Site-Sharing Agreement

With the objective of avoiding unnecessary duplication networks and infrastructures, Anatel permits telecommunications service providers to use other providers networks as secondary support in providing telecommunications services. Therefore, we have allowed other telecommunications service providers in our region to use our infrastructure, and we have used others infrastructure, pursuant to site-sharing agreements we have entered into with them.

### Co-billing

Co-billing occurs when we bill one of our customers on behalf of a long distance service provider for services rendered to our customers by that carrier. We provide co-billing services to all long distance operators on terms that are freely negotiated in accordance with Anatel regulations.

## **Competition in our Regions**

In the Southern Region, we have three competitors: Global Telecom, which is controlled by Telesp Celular and operates under the VIVO[s brand; America Movil, operating under the Claro brand; and Brasil Telecom GSM S.A., controlled by Brasil Telecom. In the Northeastern Region we have two competitors: America Movil S.A. (Claro) and TNL PCS S.A. (Telemar group), operating under the [Oi[] brand. Anatel may auction new PCS licenses in regions where it deems that competition has not yet reached a satisfactory level. Today, regulations allow up to five licenses per region.

#### **Other Competition**

We also compete with fixed-line phone service providers operating in our Regions. Certain customers might shift to fixed-line service providers for a number of reasons, including lower prices. On September 24, 1999, the Brazilian government authorized Global Village Telecom Ltda. to provide fixed-line telecommunications service in competition with Brasil Telecom, the public service fixed-line telephone service provider operating in an area that includes our Southern Region. There are two fixed-line service providers in our Northeastern Region: Telemar and Vésper S.A.

On April 27, 2000, Anatel issued Resolution No. 221/00, regulating Specialized Mobile Service ([Trunking[]), with rules similar to the ones applicable to the cellular telecommunications services. Trunking service providers are not permitted to offer their services to individuals, and therefore will be competing with us exclusively in the corporate segment of our market. Nextel S.A. provides Trunking services in the city of São Paulo, and in 2001, started providing Trunking services in the city of Curitiba, in the state of Paraná.

The opening to competition of the Brazilian market for cellular telecommunications services has adversely affected our results of operations, and there can be no assurance that the entry or growth of competitors will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects. Any adverse effects on our results and market share from competitive pressures will depend on a variety of factors that cannot now be assessed with precision and that are beyond our control. Among such factors are the identity of the competitors, their business strategies and capabilities, prevailing market conditions at the time, the regulations applicable to new entrants and us, and the effectiveness of our efforts to prepare for increased competition. One or more new competitors may have technical or financial resources greater than ours.

#### **Research and Development**

We do not independently develop new telecommunications hardware and depend upon the manufacturers of telecommunications products for the development of new hardware. Accordingly, we do not expect to incur material research and development expenses in the future.

#### **Taxes on Telecommunications Goods and Services**

The costs of telecommunications goods and services to clients are subject to a variety of federal, state and local taxes (in addition to taxes on income), the most significant of which are ICMS, ISS, COFINS, PIS, FUST Tax, FUNTTEL Tax and FISTEL Tax, which are described below.

- *ICMS*. The principal tax applicable to telecommunications goods and services is a state value-added tax, the *Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços* ([ICMS[]), which the razilian States impose at varying rates on certain revenues from the sale of goods and services, including certain telecommunications services. The ICMS tax rate for domestic telecommunications services in the States of Paraíba and Rio Grande do Sul is 30%, while the rate is 28% in the State of Pernambuco, 27% in the States of Paraná, Alagoas, Ceará and Rio Grande do Norte and 25% in the States of Santa Catarina and Piauí. The ICMS tax rate imposed on the sale of cellular handsets averages 17% throughout the Regions, with the exception of some handsets whose manufacturers are afforded some local tax benefits, in which case the highest rate is 7%. In June 1998, the governments of individual Brazilian States approved an agreement to interpret existing Brazilian tax law to apply ICMS, effective July 1, 1998, to certain services to which ICMS had not previously been applied, including cellular activation fees. See [Item 8.Financial Information]Legal Proceedings[Litigation Related to the Application of ICMS.[]
- ISS. The Imposto Sobre Serviços ([ISS]) taxes certain services listed in the List of Servicerescribed by Decree-law No. 406/68. This list also includes certain services that have the purpose of providing goods. Municipalities impose this tax at varying rates, but in the majority of large cities, the ISS rate is around 5%. The tax basis of the ISS is the price of the service, minus certain exceptions (construction services). As provided by Constitutional Amendment No. 20, dated June 12, 2002, municipalities must charge the minimum rate of 2% and they must not directly or indirectly grant tax benefits that may result in and effective rate below 2%. In August 2003, the Lei Complementar a Constituição Federal do Brasil n. 116 ([LC 116]) stablished a new framework for the ISS. Municipalities are required to adapt their respective ISS legislation in order to comply with the rules set forth by LC 116. Such new rules are effective as from January 1, 2004.
- COFINS. The Contribuição Social para o Financiamento da Seguridade Social ([COFINS]) issocial contribution tax on gross revenues (both operating and financial). On November 27, 1998, the Brazilian government increased the COFINS rate from 2% to 3% but permitted taxpayers to offset up to one-third

of the amount of COFINS paid against the amount owed as Contribuição

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Sobre Lucro Líquido ([CSL]), a social contribution tax assessed on net income. The ability toffset COFINS against CSL was subsequently revoked for periods after January 1, 2000. On January 1, 2000, we began to include the COFINS tax in our bills at a rate of 3%. In October 2003, the COFINS legislation was further amended, making this tax to be non-cumulative, raising its rate to 7.6% to certain transactions, and expanding it to other taxable events, such as the sale of handsets. Telecommunications services, which were not included in transactions subject to the new 7.6% rate, will continue to be taxed at the rate of 3% after the introduction of such changes, which were effective beginning February 1, 2004.

In 2002, the Federal Government filed a lawsuit against Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular to prevent this billing practice and to force Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular to pay to each customer an amount equal to double the amount charged to such customer for COFINS. Although the lawsuit was filed only in the States of Ceará and Pernambuco, if Teleceará Celular or Telpe Celular lose the lawsuit, we may decide to discontinue our practice of passing charges for COFINS through to our customers in all the states in the Region, which would increase our costs. See [Item 8. Financial Information]Legal Proceedings[Litigation Related to the Application of PIS and COFINS.]

• PIS. The Programa de Integração Social ([PIS]) is another social contribution tax, imposed pridor December 2002 at a rate of 0.65% on gross revenues from certain telecommunications service activities (both operating and financial) and handset sales. Beginning in December 2002, PIS has been levied at a rate of 1.65% on gross revenues from sales of handsets, according to Law 10,637/02. Law No. 9,718 also indirectly raised the PIS contribution tax rate owed by TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste.

In the same lawsuit filed against Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular to prevent them from charging customers for COFINS through to their customers, the Federal Government also has demanded that Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular stop passing charges for PIS. In this lawsuit, the Federal Government has requested that Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular pay to each customer an amount equal to double the amount charged to such customer for PIS. Although the lawsuit was filed only in the States of Ceará and Pernambuco, if TIM Nordeste lose the lawsuit, it may decide to discontinue this practice of passing charges for PIS through to its customers in all the States in the Region, which would increase TIM Nordeste costs. See Item 8. Financiam formation Legal Proceedings Litigation Related to the Application of PIS and COFINS.

• FUST. On August 17, 2000, the Brazilian government created the Fundo de Universalização dos Serviços de Telecomunicações ([FUST]), a fund that is supported by a social contribution tamplicable to all telecommunications services ([FUST Tax]). The purpose of the FUST is tageimburse a portion of the costs incurred by telecommunications service providers to meet the universal service targets required by Anatel throughout the Region (such as targets for rural and impoverished areas, schools, libraries and hospitals), in case these costs are not entirely recovered through the collection of telecommunications service fees and charges. The FUST Tax is imposed at a rate of 1% on gross operating revenues, net of ICMS, PIS and COFINS, and its cost may not be passed on to clients. Telecommunications companies can draw from the FUST upon meeting the universal service targets required by Anatel.

• FUNTTEL. On November 28, 2000, the Brazilian government created the Fundo para Desenvolvimento Tecnológico das Telecomunicações (the □FUNTTEL□), a fund that is supported a social contribution tax applicable to all telecommunications services (the □FUNTTEL Tax□).

The FUNTTEL is a fund managed by BNDES and FINEP, a government research and development agency. The purpose of the FUNTTEL is to promote the development of telecommunications technology in Brazil and to improve competition in the industry by financing research and development in the area of telecommunications technology. The FUNTTEL Tax is imposed at a rate of 0.5% on gross operating revenues, net of ICMS, PIS and COFINS, and its cost may not be passed on to clients.

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• FISTEL. The Fundo de Fiscalização das Telecomunicações (the [FISTEL]), a fund supported bytax applicable to telecommunications services (the [FISTEL Tax]), was established in 1966 torovide financial resources to the Brazilian government for its regulation and inspection of the sector. The FISTEL Tax consists of two types of fees: an installation inspection fee assessed on telecommunications stations upon the issuance of their authorization certificates, as well as every time we activate a new cellular number, and an annual operations inspection fee that is based on the number of authorized stations in operation at the end of the previous calendar year. The amount of the installation inspection fee is a fixed value, depending upon the kind of equipment installed in the authorized telecommunications station. Effective April 2001, the installation and inspection fee has been assessed based on net activations of cellular numbers (i.e., the number of new cellular activations reduced by the number of cancelled subscriptions), as well as based on the net additions of radio base stations. The operations inspection fee equals 50% of the total amount of installation inspection fees that would have been paid with respect to existing equipment.

## **Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry**

#### General

Our business is subject to comprehensive regulation under the General Telecommunications Law, a comprehensive regulatory framework for the provision of telecommunications services promulgated by Anatel in November 1998, and various administrative enactments thereunder. The Subsidiaries operated under concessions to provide services under the SMC regulations until December 2002, when their concessions were converted into authorizations to provide services under the PCS regulations. The PCS regulations set forth certain obligations further described below.

Anatel is the regulatory agency for telecommunications under the General Telecommunications Law and the October 1997 Regulamento da Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (the [Anatel Decree]). Anatel is administratively independent and financially autonomous. Anatel maintains a close relationship with the Ministry of Communications and is required to report its activities to the Ministry of Communications. It has authority to propose and to issue regulations that are legally binding on telecommunications service providers. Any proposed regulation or action by Anatel is subject to a period of public comment, which may include public hearings, and may be challenged in Brazilian courts.

#### Authorizations and Concessions

Pursuant to the 1996 *Lei Mínima* (the [Minimum Law]), Band A and Band B Service Providers were granted concessions under SMC regulations. Each concession was a specific grant of authority to supply cellular telecommunications services in a defined geographical area, subject to certain requirements contained in the applicable list of obligations appended to each concession. Through resolutions enacted in September 2000 and January 2001, Anatel also granted cellular service providers operating under concessions the right to convert their concessions into authorizations under PCS regulations.

Licenses to provide telecommunications services are granted either under the public regime, by means of a concession, or the private regime, by means of an authorization. Only certain fixed-line service providers are currently operating under the public regime.

Services provided under the private regime are classified as either providing a service of collective interest or restricted interest. Collective interest private regime services are subject to requirements imposed by Anatel under the applicable authorizations and the General Telecommunications Law. Restricted interest private regime services are subject to fewer requirements than public regime or collective interest private regime services. Under the authorizations, the Subsidiaries operated under the collective interest private regime.

In 1997, the Subsidiaries were granted SMC concessions. In December 2002, TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste as successors to the Subsidiaries converted their SMC concessions into PCS authorizations, with an option to renew the authorizations for an additional 15 years following the original expiration dates of the concessions. As a result of the conversion from concessions to authorizations, TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste have subsequently been allowed to operate under the PCS regulations.

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The following table sets forth the expiration date of each of TIM Sul∏s PCS authorizations:

Territory	expiration date
State of Paraná	September 3, 2007
State of Santa Catarina	September 30, 2008
City of Pelotas (State of Rio Grande do Sul)	April 14, 2009

The following table sets forth the expiration date of the initial period of each of TIM Nordeste $\square$ s PCS authorizations:

Subsidiary	expiration date
Telpe Celular	May 15, 2009
Teleceará Celular	November 28, 2008
Telpa Celular	December 31, 2008
Telern Celular	December 31, 2008
Telasa Celular	December 15, 2008
Telepisa Celular	March 27, 2009
Obligations of Telecommunications Companies	

Authorization

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In November 1999, Anatel and the Brazilian cellular service providers jointly adopted a <code>[Protocol</code> for Mobile Cellular Service Providers <code>[]</code> (the <code>[Protocol]</code>). The Protocol established additional quality of service targets and rates, which SMC operators were required to achieve by June 2001. Although the General Telecommunications Law does not specify any penalties for failing to meet the targets required by the Protocol, Anatel was required to examine the performance of the Brazilian telecommunications companies under the Protocol <code>[]</code>s standards. Despite migration to SMP in December 2002, from January to June 2003, we reported to Anatel regarding, and had complied with, all quality of service indicators applicable to SMC operators. The Protocol ceased to be applicable to TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste after July 2003.

Beginning in September 2003, we became subject to the PCS quality of service indicators. Our quality of service obligations under our PCS authorizations differ substantially from those under the previous SMC concessions. See ∏□PCS Regulation.□ Since December 2003, we have achieved the majority, but not all of the service of quality requirements applicable to the PCS service operators. Some of our PCS quality of service indicators are currently difficult to achieve due to, for example, our dependence on the performance of third parties and the continuing clarification of some of the quality of service measurements under the PCS rules. In December 2004, Anatel initiated administrative proceedings against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste for non-compliance with certain of our quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations in the years 2003 and 2004. We have submitted to Anatel a petition explaining that the non-compliance with certain quality standards was due mainly to the migration from the SMC regime to the PCS regime, the change in the long-distance calling system as well as the overlay of the GSM network. These changes resulted in an out of the ordinary number of calls to the customers service number. We believe that we have since complied with Anatel∏s quality standards and that customer satisfaction has improved. We cannot predict the outcome of the Anatel proceedings at this time but we do not believe that an unfavorable outcome will cause a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We will continue to strive to meet all of our quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations, but we can provide no assurance that we will be able to do so.

## **PCS Regulation**

In September 2000, Anatel promulgated regulations regarding PCS wireless telecommunications services that are significantly different from the ones applicable to cellular companies operating under Band A and Band B. The new rules allow companies to provide wireless telecommunications services under PCS authorizations. The PCS authorizations allow new entrants in the Brazilian telecommunications market to compete with existing telecommunications service providers.

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According to rules issued by Anatel, renewal of a concession to provide cellular services, as well as permission from Anatel to transfer control of cellular companies, are conditioned on agreement by such cellular service provider to operate under the PCS rules. The Subsidiaries converted their cellular concessions into PCS authorizations in December 2002, and later transferred them to TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, which are now subject to certain obligations under the PCS regulations. See \$\sumeq \textsup Authorizations\$ and Concessions. \$\sumeq \textsup Authorizations\$ and Concessions. \$\sumeq \textsup Authorizations\$ and \$\textsup Authorizations\$ and \$\textsu

In connection with the PCS authorization auctions in 2001 and 2002, Anatel divided the Brazilian territory into three separate regions, each of which is equal to the regions applicable to the public regime fixed-line telephone service providers. PCS services may only be provided under Bands C, D and E licenses which encompass the 900 and 1800 Mhz bands and were auctioned by Anatel in 2001 and 2002. An authorization to operate in Band D in the Region was acquired by Brasil Telecom and BSE S.A., and by Telemar, operating with the brand  $\Box$ Oi. The right to use the Band E frequency was purchased by a fixed-line provider offering PCS, services, Vesper S.A. The Band C auctions were later withdrawn.

Obligations under the PCS regulations and TIM Suls and TIM Nordestes authorizations differ from the obligations that were applicable to our Subsidiaries while operating under their concessions. For example, the

obligations under the PCS regulations and TIM Suls and TIM Nordestes authorizations include the requirement to comply with additional and more stringent service quality standards and to offer customers their choice of long distance carriers in long distance calls on a per call basis. Anatel has initiated administrative proceedings against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste for non-compliance with certain of such quality standards. We believe we are now in compliance with such standards, but we cannot assure you that we will be able to continue to comply with our obligations under the PCS regime or with future changes in the regulations to which we are subject. See Sulsignations of Telecommunications Companies and sulfitem Sulfix Factors Risks Relating to our Business. The conversion of our SMC concessions into PCS authorizations, and our ability to comply with such authorizations, may have a significant impact on our business.

Under the PCS regulations, we are generally free to determine the prices charged for our services, subject to certain limitations imposed by Anatel rules and the General Telecommunications Law. TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste have been subject to such new rate structure since July 2003. We have no available data indicating how this rate structure could adversely affect fee considerations and results of operations.

According to the new PCS regulations, we are required to adjust our operating processes and agreements to such new rules, including our interconnection agreements, as well as agreements with our customers. By April 2005, substantially all of our interconnection arrangements were covered by agreements that had been amended to reflect the PCS regulations.

## **Interconnection Regulation**

Telecommunications service providers are required to provide interconnection according to the □General Interconnection Rules,□ adopted by Anatel through Resolução 40/98. The terms and conditions of interconnection are to be negotiated by the parties, within certain limits, including a price-cap established by Anatel. For example, if a telecommunication service provider offers any party an interconnection fee below the Anatel price-cap, such telecommunications service provider must offer to provide interconnection to other parties at the same lower fee. Under a temporary settlement agreement relating to interconnection fees entered into by the fixed telephony incumbents (with the exception of Telemar and Embratel) and the mobile service providers, our interconnection fee paid by other operators when their users access our network to communicate with our users will be adjusted by 4.5%, in the case of calls completed to a number registered within that customer shome registration area (VC-1 calls). This adjustment is not applicable to other types of calls (such as VC-2 and VC-3 calls) and will only apply until an arbitration procedure currently before Anatel is resolved. We have agreed that the result of such procedure will not affect the fees received while the temporary settlement agreement was in place. We cannot estimate the date on which a decision will be available nor its outcome. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry.

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## **Rate Regulation**

Under our PCS authorizations, we are allowed to set prices for our service plans, subject to approval by Anatel. We expect that the adjustment of these prices will follow the trend of the market, and that the adjustment will be below the annual inflation rate based on the  $\acute{l}ndice~Geral~de~Preços[Disponibilidade~Interna~([IGP-DI[]), a price index created by the <math>Funda\~{c}\~{a}o~Get\'{u}lio~Vargas$ , a Brazilian economic research organization.

#### Value-Added Services and Internet Regulation

Value-added services are not considered under Brazilian telecommunications regulations to be telecommunications services, but rather an activity that adds features to a telecommunications service supported by such value-added services. Regulations require all telecommunications service providers to grant network

access to any party interested in providing value-added services, on a non-discriminatory basis, unless technically impossible. Telecommunications service providers also are allowed to render value-added services through their own networks. Internet access is considered by Brazilian legislation to be a value-added service, and its providers are not considered to be telecommunications companies. Current regulations allow us or any other interested party to offer Internet connection services through our network.

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Our principal properties consist of transmission equipment, switching equipment, which connect calls to and from customers, and radio base stations, which comprise certain signal transmission and reception equipment covering a defined area. On the sites of our radio base stations, we have also installed antennas and certain equipment to connect these antennas with our switching equipment. On December 31, 2004, we had 25 cellular switches in TDMA and 8 in GSM technologies and 1,588 TDMA radio base stations and 1943 GSM base transceiver stations within our Regions. We generally lease or buy the sites where our cellular telecommunications network equipment is installed. On December 31, 2004, our Subsidiaries owned approximately 38,280 square meters and leased about 131,126 square meters, all of which were available for installation of our equipment. Most of our leasing contracts were renewed in 2004 and expire after 2005.

We also lease 37,241 square meters and own about 77,842 square meters of office space in our Regions. Most of our leasing contracts were renewed in 2004 and expire after 2005. There are no encumbrances that may affect our utilization of our property or equipment.

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## Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

# Merger of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. into Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A.

On August 30, 2004, TND merged with and into TSU, which was subsequently renamed TIM Participações S.A. Under applicable Brazilian accounting principles, the merger is accounted for as a purchase of TND at book value, generating no goodwill. We account for the merged companies combined operations as if the merger had occurred on January 1, 2004. Therefore, the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report reflect the merger as follows:

- the assets and liabilities of TND were recorded at their net book value as of August 30, 2004;
- the 2004 consolidated income statement reflects the combined results of operations of TSU and TND with effect from January 1, 2004;
- the 2003 and 2002 consolidated income statements are the historical income statements of TSU and we have not restated them to reflect the merger;
- the December 31, 2004 consolidated balance sheet is the historical balance sheet of TIM as of that date and reflects the combination of TSU and TND;
- the December 31, 2003 and 2002 consolidated balance sheets are the historical balance sheets of TSU as of those dates and we have not restated them to reflect the merger.

Due to the merger, our 2004 consolidated financial statements are not comparable with our historical financial statements. In addition, we are unable to distinguish clearly between internal growth in 2004 and growth due to the merger. In order to address this problem and to facilitate an understanding of how our business evolved in 2004, we have provided supplemental pro forma 2003 information throughout this annual report. The pro forma information reflects the combination of TND with TSU as if the combination occurred on January 1, 2003 in the case of income statement information, and on December 31, 2003 in the case of balance sheet information. For an explanation of how the pro forma amounts were calculated, including what adjustments were made, see the unaudited pro forma financial statements included in this annual report. See Note 3.c to our Consolidated Financial Statements. The pro forma adjustments are limited to those adjustments directly related to the transactions contemplated by the merger. The pro forma financial data are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what our actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the merger occurred on the dates assumed.

#### **Overview**

The Brazilian economy experienced strong growth in 2004, with 5.3% GDP growth compared to a 0.1% GDP decrease in 2003. The exchange rate was R\$2.65 to US\$1.00 at December 31, 2004 compared to R\$2.89 to US\$1.00 at December 31, 2003. According to Anatel, the year ended with a total of 65.6 million cell phones operating in Brazil, representing approximately 1.7 times the total number of fixed lines. Anatel ranks Brazil as the sixth largest mobile communication market in the world, next to some of the world□s most developed and densely populated countries, such as the United States and China. At December 31, 2004, the number of cellular telephones per 100 people was 36.6.

In 2004, we achieved significant growth by adding approximately 1.4 million customers to our base, representing a 146.7% increase in our 2003 growth rate, when we added approximately 0.6 million. At December 31, 2004, we had approximately 5.7 million customers, representing an increase of 34% from the end of 2003. Our most significant growth continues to be in the prepaid customer base, which totaled approximately 4.3 million customers at December 31, 2004, a 44% increase from the preceding year. Our postpaid customer base was approximately 1.3 million subscribers at December 31, 2004, an 8% increase over year end 2003. The increase of our client base was due to the growth of the Brazilian economy, as well as to the introduction of new services that implement GSM technology. For 2005, we expect that our client base will continue to grow, however, in percentages less favorable than those experienced in 2004.

Our net income in 2004 was R\$265.9 million, representing a 4.3% decrease from pro forma 2003. In 2003 we recognized non-recurring revenue, amounting to R\$ 25.1 million, related to gain from the sale of the interest in Blah!

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Our 2004 gross service revenue was R\$2,782.4 million, an 18.3% increase from pro forma 2003. This increase is mainly derived from the 34% expansion of our customer base and a 110% increase in value-added services revenue. Our average revenue per user (ARPU) was R\$35.03, versus R\$38.09 in pro forma 2003, representing an 8% reduction due to a 44% increase in our prepaid customer base which has lower usage level when compared to the postpaid customer. Our gross handset revenue for the period was R\$646.8 million, a 70.5% increase over pro forma 2003, because of the greater growth of mobile communications in 2004. Thus, gross revenue in 2004 totaled R\$ 3.4 billion, 25% higher than pro forma 2003.

In 2004 we completed our implementation of Global System for Mobile Communications ( $\lceil GSM \rceil$ ) technology. At December 31, 2004, our new network covered 599 cities, surpassing the 564 cities covered by the TDMA, and served 91.1% and 82.4% of the urban populations in the Southern and Northeastern Regions, respectively. At such time, 2,049,456 of our customers or 36% of our total lines were using GSM technology, representing 46.4% and 24.8% of our customers in the Southern and Northeastern Regions, respectively. We will continue in 2005 to

work toward migrating our TDMA customers and ensuring that our GSM structure is capable of absorbing those customers.

We have faced accelerated growth and strong competition in both of our regions. Nevertheless, we have remained the leader in our regions with our monthly customer churn at 1.9%, which is below the Brazilian average of 2.5%. We remain committed to customer satisfaction and quality of services, and this commitment will continue to guide our investment decisions.

# Blah! Sociedade Anônima de Serviços e Comércio (formerly timnet.com)

On June 13, 2000, we created timnet.com S.A. ([timnet.com[]), an Internet and value-added services company with an initial capitalization of approximately R\$18.0 million in common shares, held 50% by TSU and 50% by TND. As of December 31, 2001, timnet.com had subscribed capital in the amount of R\$78 million and the following companies were timnet.com[]s shareholders, each holding a 20% interest: TSU; TND; Maxitel S.A.; TIM Celular S.A.; and TIM International N.V. On September 26, 2003 timnet.com[]s name was changed to Blah! Sociedade Anônima de Serviços e Comércio ([]Blah![]).

In 2000, 2001 and 2002, our proportionate share of the results of Blah! were included in our Consolidated Financial Statements. In December 2003, TSU and TND each sold their 20% participation in the total capital of Blah! to TIM International N.V., an affiliated company under common control. We recognized a gain in this transaction in the amount of R\$12.5 million for Brazilian Corporate Law accounting purposes, which was reversed for US GAAP purposes. See Note 33.I.k to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

Critical accounting policies are those that are both important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results and require management is most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. As the number of variables and assumptions affecting the possible future resolution of the uncertainties increases, those judgments become more complex. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience, industry trends or other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may vary from what we anticipate, and different assumptions or estimates about the future could change our reported financial results. In order to provide an understanding about how our management has estimated the potential impact of certain uncertainties, including the variables and assumptions underlying the estimates, we have identified the critical accounting policies discussed below. We describe our significant accounting policies, including the ones discussed below, in Note 4 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Depreciation and Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost of acquisition or construction. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the underlying assets. See Notes 4 and 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. We currently depreciate automatic switching, transmission and other equipment based on an estimated useful life of seven years. The assets related to TDMA technology have been subject to accelerated depreciation and must be 100% depreciated by 2008.

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We review our long-lived assets, such as goodwill, for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. However, asset impairment evaluations are, by nature, highly subjective. If our projections are not met, we may have to record impairment charges not previously recognized. In analyzing

potential impairments, we use projections based on our view of growth rates for our business, anticipated future economic, regulatory and political conditions and changes in technology. Such projections are subject to change, including as a result of technological developments that may render long-lived assets obsolete sooner than anticipated. See Note 4 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the failure of our customers to make required payments. We revise our estimated percentage of losses on a regular basis, taking into account our most recent experience with non-payments (i.e. average percentage of receivables historically written-off, economic conditions and the length of time the receivables are past due). The provision for doubtful accounts for 2004 was based on the following estimates of percentages of receivables, classified by the number of days such receivables are overdue, that it projected to be uncollectible. These estimates were based on historical experience of write-offs and future expectations of conditions that might impact the collectibility of accounts. See Notes 4 and 5 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. The amount of the loss, if any, that we actually experience with respect to these accounts may differ from the amount of the allowance maintained in connection with them.

## 1) TIM Sul

		Percentage estimated to be uncollectible
	Receivables overdue 61 to 90 days	50.0%
	Receivables overdue 91 to 120 days	80.0%
	Receivables overdue 121 to 180 days	90.0%
2) TIM Nordeste	Receivables overdue more than 181 days	100.0%
		Percentage estimated to be
	Days overdue	uncollectible
	001-030	4%
	031-060	4%
	061-090	35%
	091-120	55%
	121-150	75%
	151-180	95%
	> 180	100%
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#### **Contingent Liabilities**

The accrual for a contingency involves considerable judgment on the part of management. As prescribed by SFAS 5,  $\square$ Accounting for Contingencies, $\square$  a contingency is  $\square$ an existing condition, situation, or set of circumstances involving uncertainty as to possible gain or loss to an enterprise that will ultimately be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. $\square$ 

We are subject to various claims, legal and labor proceedings covering a wide range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of business activities. We adopted a policy of analyzing each such proceeding and making a judgment as to whether a loss in relation to such proceeding is probable, possible or remote. We make accruals for legal proceedings that we are party to when we determine that losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Our judgment is always based on the opinion of our legal advisors. Accrual balances are adjusted to account for changes in circumstances for ongoing matters and the establishment of additional accruals for new matters. While we believe that the current level of accruals is adequate, changes in the future could impact these determinations.

## Revenue Recognition and Customer Incentive Programs

Revenues are recorded when services are rendered. As a result of our billing cycle cut-off times, we are required to make estimates for services revenue earned but not yet billed. These estimates, which are based primarily upon unbilled minutes of use, could differ from our actual experience. See Note 4 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Political, Economic, Regulatory and Competitive Factors

The following discussion also should be read in conjunction with <code>|Item 4.</code> Information on the Company. As set forth in greater detail below, our financial condition and results of operations are significantly affected by Brazilian telecommunications regulation, including the regulation of tariffs. See <code>|Item 4.</code> Information on the Company Regulation of the Brazilian Telecommunications Industry Rate Regulation. Our financial condition and results of operations also have been, and are expected to continue to be, affected by the political and economic environment in Brazil. See <code>|Item 3.</code> Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Brazil. In particular, our financial performance will be affected by:

- economic growth and income distribution in our Regions and their impact on demand for telecommunications services.
- our ability to generate adequate cash from operations or, alternatively, the cost and availability of financing,
- exchange rates between Brazilian and foreign currencies,
- the growth and strength of competition,
- $\bullet$  the regulatory environment in which we operate, and
- our ability to respond to changing telecommunication technologies.

## **Trend Information**

## Migration of Customers from Postpaid to Prepaid Plans

In May 1999, we launched our prepaid services plans, under which clients purchase credits toward a certain number of call minutes. In February 2000, this trend accelerated when clients using prepaid services were able to receive calls when outside of the Region, within Brazil. Clients using prepaid services made up 76% of the customer base on December 31, 2004, compared to 71% on December 31, 2003. Management expects that the proportion of clients using prepaid services will continue to increase due to the fact that the average revenue from our prepaid services clients is lower than from our postpaid services clients. See [Item 4. Information on the Company] Sources of Revenue Network Usage Charges and Monthly Subscription Charges.

# **Increased Competition**

Due to the opening of the Brazilian market for cellular telecommunications services to competition in 1998 and the commencement of services under PCS authorizations in 2002, we are facing greater competition from cellular service providers. The level of competition from fixed-line service providers also is increasing, following the Federal Government grant, in February 1999, of a second concession to provide fixed-line telecommunications services in a region that includes the Region where we provide cellular telecommunication

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services. Technological changes in the telecommunications field, such as the development of GSM and mobile satellite services, are expected to introduce additional sources of competition.

We have responded to the increased competition with various measures. In 1999, we took actions to increase penetration and market share, including providing subsidies and zero-interest financing on sales of handsets and free airtime to clients. In 2000, because we changed our focus from expanding our client base to retaining our heavy-use clients, we substantially reduced the subsidies directed to the attraction of new clients, but increased the subsidies directed to customer retention and developing customer loyalty. This pattern continued in 2001, 2002, and 2003. In 2004, the subsidies were extended to our clients that migrated from TDMA to GSM through personal offers that take into consideration the time the client has been a customer and the value of the customer account. The total subsidies in 2004 amounted to R\$ 64.9 million, while in 2003 the subsidies were R\$24.6 million. For 2005, we expect that the subsidies will continue to be offered and should follow pressures created by the competitive environment. We also anticipate that the subsidies will be offered as part of our policy to develop customer loyalty and stimulate the migration to GSM.

Our results of operations have been adversely affected by the opening of the Brazilian market for cellular telecommunications services to competition in 1998. Our strongest competition has been from Global Telecom in the Southern Region and from Oi, a cellular services provider controlled by Telemar, in the Northeastern Region. We also faced significant competition from Claro, controlled by Telecom Américas. In early 2003, Portugal Telecom and Global Telecom announced that they had entered into a joint venture that would market itself under a single brand, Vivo. We also face increasing competition from a new entrant, Brasil Telecom, which started its cellular operations in our region in the second half of 2004. Although the size of our client base increased in absolute terms during 2004, our market share for the entire concession area decreased from 50.1% on December 31, 2003 to 43.8% on December 31, 2004 mainly due to the increase in competition in the market.

The scope of competition and any adverse effects on our results and market share will depend on a variety of factors that cannot be assessed with precision, some of which are beyond our control. See <code>[Item 3. Key Information]Risk Factors[Risks Relating to Us[We face increasing competition, which may adversely affect our results of operations[] and <code>[Item 4. Information on the Company[]Competition in our Regions.[]</code></code>

## **Long Distance Revenues**

While operating under the concessions, we had the right to charge VC2 and VC3 rates for all long distance calls placed by our customers. As of July 2003, the CSP Program went into effect, under which we were required to enable our customers to choose a long distance carrier on a per call basis. Consequently, we no longer had the right to charge VC2 and VC3 rates for all long distance calls made by our clients. Since January 2005, our domestic and international long distance authorizations were relinquished. Upon such relinquishment, we ceased receiving long distance revenues from our customers but instead receive VU-M revenues from long distance carriers selected by our customers, which we record in our financial statements as usage charges. We anticipate that our overall net revenues will decline as a result of no longer providing long distance services but do not believe that such a decline will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial

condition. In 2004, our long distance revenue was R\$ 202.9 million.

## **Increased Depreciation**

As a part of our plan to implement a GSM system overlay, we expect to continue to make large capital expenditures for the necessary modernization of our telecommunications equipment. As a result of these planned capital expenditures for equipment, we expect to record greater depreciation expense.

## Seasonality

We have experienced a trend of generating a significantly higher number of new clients and handset sales in the fourth quarter of each year as compared to the other three fiscal quarters. See  $\Box$ Item 4. Information on the Company $\Box$ Seasonality. $\Box$ 

## Foreign Exchange and Interest Rate Exposure

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In April 1999, we began entering into hedging agreements covering payments of principal on our U.S. dollar-denominated indebtedness. Our foreign exchange hedging agreements establish a fixed rate at which we agree to purchase U.S. dollars at a future date to pay our U.S. dollar-denominated principal payment obligations, which protect us from devaluations of the *real* but expose us to potential losses in the event that the U.S. dollar declines in value against the *real*. On December 31, 2004, our outstanding indebtedness denominated in U.S. dollars was R\$42.1 million (working capital loans). Our exposure to foreign currency risk was hedged at the rate of 100% of the Certificado de Depósito Bancário (Interbank Deposit Certificate or |CDI|, a Brazilian interest rate benchmark, and we have entered into U.S. dollar swaps to eliminate potential *real*/dollar volatility risk. See Notes 14 and 28 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. During the term of our hedging agreements, we experience foreign exchange gains and losses due to the accounting treatment of the hedge. Such gains and losses tend to offset each other such that their sum, over the life of the hedge, tends to be close to zero.

Devaluation of the *real* increases the cost, expressed in *reais*, of some of our foreign-currency-denominated capital expenditures. Our revenues are earned almost entirely in *reais*, and we have no material U.S. dollar-denominated assets. Thus, we also are exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from our need to make substantial dollar-denominated expenditures, particularly for imported components, equipment and handsets, that we have limited capacity to hedge.

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a consequence of our floating rate debt. As of December 31, 2004, R\$61.3 million, or 59%, of our interest-bearing liabilities bore interest at floating rates. See Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. Our floating-rate interest obligations are primarily at rates based on the rate for the CDI. As of December 31, 2004, we also were party to hedging arrangements under which we undertook floating-rate *reais*-denominated obligations in place of some of our U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate obligations in order to reduce our exposure to foreign interest rate risk. Under these financing arrangements, we paid interest in 2004 at an average effective rate per annum of 12.20%. See Notes 14 and 28 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. If market interest rates (principally CDI) rise, our financing expenses will increase. However, as of December 31, 2004, we had more assets than liabilities accruing interest at variable rates, which created a natural hedge against interest rate risk. Thus, an increase in CDI would increase our financial income by more than the increase in our financial expense. Conversely, a decrease in CDI would decrease our financial income more than our financial expense, resulting in a decrease in net financial income.

## Brazilian Corporate Law Accounting Method and U.S. GAAP

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law Method, which differs in certain material respects from U.S. GAAP. See Note 33 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of the differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law accounting method and U.S. GAAP, as well as a reconciliation of our shareholders equity as of December 31, 2003 and 2004, and net income for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 to U.S. GAAP. Net income for 2004 is R\$233.3 million under U.S. GAAP, compared with net income of R\$265.9 million under the Brazilian Corporate Law Method. Shareholders equity at December 31, 2004 was R\$2,349.5 million under U.S. GAAP, compared to R\$2,020.5 million under the Brazilian Corporate Law Method.

The differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP that have the most significant effects on net income in 2004 are differences in capitalized interest, asset retirement obligations, future discounts, derivative instruments and hedging activities, and the rules regarding depreciation and amortization of the effect of indexation of property, plant and equipment. The differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP that have the most significant effects on shareholders equity in 2004 are the differences in the rules regarding depreciation and amortization, asset retirement obligations, handset discounts, allocation of fair value due to the merger with TND, goodwill amortization and the deferred tax effect on the differences between the Brazilian Corporate Law Method and U.S. GAAP. The portion of the merger under common control was accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interest based on the historical carrying values of the assets and liabilities of TND. Additionally, the financial statements of the companies under common control are presented on a combined basis for all periods they are under common control.

# **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth certain components of our statement of income for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, as well as the percentage change from year to year.

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<b>Statement of Income Data:</b> (1) Brazilian Corporate Law Method		Year ended December 31,							Year over year		
		2002		2003		Pro forma 2003		2004	2002-2003	Pro forma 2003 -2004	
		(thousands of <i>reais</i> )					Percentage C	hanges			
Net operating revenue Cost of services and goods	R\$	896,824 (486,383)		(576,914)		2,110,263 (1,058,493)		2,564,632 (1,293,070)	21.3% 18.6	21. 22.	
Gross profit		410,441		511,368		1,051,770		1,271,562	24.6	20.	
Operating expenses: Selling expenses General and administrative		(185,446)		(230,488)		(461,562)		(647,277)	24.3	40.	
expenses Other operating expense Equity investment		(83,346) (20,463) (4,288)		(94,877) (28,422) (3,250)		(193,802) (30,604) (6,500)		(182,442) (53,737)	13.8 38.8 (24.2)	(5. 75.	

Total operating expenses		(293,543)	(357,037)	(692,468)	(883,456)	21.6	27.
Operating income before interest		116,898	154,331	359,302	388,106	32.0	8.
Net financial income (expense)		(18,958)	25,809	79,070	60,571	(236.1)	(23.
Net non-operating income							
(expense)		(127)	12,842	26,661	(4,592)		(117.
Income before taxes and minority							
interests		97,813	192,982	465,033	444,085	97.3	(4.
Income and social contribution							
tax benefit (expense)		(19,473)	(42,423)	(111,813)	(108,037)	117.9	(3.
Minority interests		(12,566)	(29,757)	(75,393)	(70,113)	136.8	(7.
Net income	R\$	65,774 R\$	120,802	277,827	265,935	83.7%	(4.

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2004 Compared to the Pro Forma Year Ended December 31, 2003

#### Net income

Net income in 2004 was R\$265.9 million, representing a decrease of 4.3% from R\$277.8 million in pro forma 2003. In 2004, we incurred expenses of R\$11 million due to the restructuring of our companies, R\$21 million due to the acceleration of the TDMA depreciation, and R\$5 million due to a 7% increase in our COFINS taxes. In 2003 we recorded non-operating revenue, amounting to R\$25.1 million, related to gain from the sale of the interest in Blah.

## Operating revenues

Our operating revenues consist of:

- usage charges, which include measured service charges for outgoing calls and roaming charges,
- long distance charges;
- value-added services;
- site sharing and infrastructure revenues that we charge to other telecommunications service providers;

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monthly subscription charges;

- interconnection charges, which are amounts we charge to other cellular and fixed-line service providers for use of our network;
- other service revenues, including charges for call forwarding and call blocking, etc; and
- proceeds from the sale of cellular telephones and accessories.

The composition of operating revenues by category of service is presented in Note 20 to our Consolidated Financial Statements and discussed below. We do not determine net operating revenues or allocate cost by category of service.

The following table sets forth certain components of our operating revenues, as well as the percentage change of each component from the prior year, for pro forma 2003 and 2004:

<b>Statement of Income Data:</b> (1) Brazilian Corporate Law Method	31,		% Change				
		2003		Pro forma 2003		2004	Pro forma 2003 -2004
			(thous	sands of <i>reais</i> )			
Usage charges Long distance charges Value added services Site sharing revenues Monthly subscription charges Interconnection charges Other service revenues	R\$	448,349 39,331 34,621 12,268 224,178 397,107 3,618	R\$	1,048,746 79,278 56,362 21,299 358,347 783,473 4,040	R\$	1,246,666 202,963 118,396 26,866 358,178 822,576 6,758	18.9% 156.0 110.1 26.1 0.0 5.0 67.3
Gross operating revenues from services Value-added and other taxes relating to services Discounts on services		1,159,472 (232,130) (36,610)		2,351,545 (496,745) (36,610)		2,782,403 (607,193) (54,482)	18.3 22.2 48.8
Net operating revenues from services	S	890,732		1,818,190		2,120,728	16.6
Sales of cellular handsets and accessories Value-added and other taxes on handset sales		255,716 (33,989)		379,261 (57,520)		646,772 (116,523)	70.5 102.6
Discounts on handset sales		(24,177)		(29,668)		(86,345)	191.0
Net operating revenues from sales of cellular handsets and accessories		197,550		292,073		443,904	52.0
Total net operating revenues	R\$	1,088,282		2,110,263	R\$	2,564,632	21.5%

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## (1) Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our net operating revenues increased 21.5% to R\$2,564.6 million in 2004, from R\$2,110.3 million in pro forma 2003. The growth in revenues years resulted principally from increases in the size of our customer base, the sale of cellular telephone handsets, value added services and tariff increases.

In 2004, our average number of customers, calculated as the simple mean of monthly averages, increased 25.5% to 4.9 million, compared to 3.9 million customers in pro forma 2003. Average monthly revenue per customer decreased 8.0% to R\$35 in 2004, compared to R\$38 in pro forma 2003. The decrease is a

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result of strong growth in the overall customer base, in particular the 44% expansion in the prepaid customer base.

Usage charges

Revenue from usage charges was R\$1,246.7 million in 2004, an 18.9% increase from R\$1,048.7 million in proforma 2003, due primarily to the 24.2% expansion of our client base and a 3.5% increase in tariffs, offset in part by an 11.1% decrease in total minutes of billed use per customer, as described below.

The volume of outgoing minutes used by our customers in 2004 was 217.1 million, representing a 6.7% increase from 203.5 million in pro forma 2003.

The total average monthly minutes of billed use per customer ( $\square MOU \square$ ) for pro forma 2003 and 2004 was as shown in the following table:

	Year Ended Decen	nber 31,
	pro forma 2003	2004
Average incoming MOU during the year	48.0	44.0
Average outgoing MOU during the year	52.0	45.0
Average total MOU during the year	101.0	90.0

We believe the decrease in the average total MOU from 2003 to 2004 was due primarily to the increased proportion of our customer base made up of prepaid customers, who generally have lower usage levels than postpaid customers.

## Long distance charges

Revenues from long distance charges increased to R\$203.0 million in 2004 from R\$79.3 million in pro forma 2003, due to the expansion in our client base and the resulting increase in the proportion of clients using long-distance service. However, in January 2005 our domestic and international long distance authorizations were relinquished pursuant to a prior commitment to Anatel. Upon such relinquishment, we ceased receiving

long distance revenues from our customers but instead receive VU-M revenues from long distance carriers selected by our customers, which we record in our financial statements as usage charges. We anticipate that our overall net revenues will decline as a result of no longer providing long distance services but do not believe that such a decline will have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Value added services

Value added services revenues increased 110.1% to R\$118.4 million in 2004 from R\$79.3 million in pro forma 2003, due to the growth of such services. The evolution of GSM and its large variety of innovative handsets have enabled us to provide advanced services with compelling content (entertainment, infotainment and institutional/governmental information). These services include short messaging services (which represent the major portion of VAS revenues), multimedia message services (MMS), voice mail, call waiting, call forwarding, conference calling services, chats, among others.

Site sharing revenues

Site sharing revenues increased 26.1% to R\$26.9 million in 2004 from R\$21.3 million in pro forma 2003, due to increased sharing of infrastructure with third parties.

Monthly subscription charges

Revenues from monthly subscription charges remained stable at R\$358.2 million in 2004, compared to R\$358.3 million in pro forma 2003, due to most of our new customers subscribing to pre-paid plans, which do not charge monthly subscription fees. The following table shows the total average number of customers during pro forma 2003 and 2004.

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# Year Ended December 31,

	pro forma 2003	2004
Average number of customers using post-paid plans (1) Average number of customers using pre-paid plans (1) Total number of customers (1)	1,225,866 2,652,521 3,878,387	1,295,175 3,525,203 4,820,378

<sup>(1)</sup> Average numbers are based on the number of customers at the end of each month during the relevant year.

Interconnection charges

Interconnection revenues were R\$822.6 in 2004, a 5.0% increase from R\$783.5 in pro forma 2003. This increase resulted primarily from an increase of 24.2% in our average customer base and a 24.3% increase in our interconnection rates, and was partially offset by the new usage rate structure introduced for billing interconnection charges between mobile carriers that was introduced as part of the PCS regulations.

Other service revenues

Revenues from other services was R\$6.8 million in 2004, a 67.3% increase from R\$4.0 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was mainly caused by an increase in revenues from services allowing customers to shift from post-paid to pre-paid plans, the growth of our customer base and credits due. Revenues from other services principally include revenues from account transfers, changing numbers, charges that a customer pays when migrating from post-paid to pre-paid plans and credits due.

Value-added and other taxes relating to services

The principal tax on telecommunications services is ICMS tax, which is imposed at rates between 25% and 30% in our Regions. ICMS is also the principal tax on sales of handsets, which is imposed at a rate of 17% in our Regions. See <code>[Item 4. Information on the Company[]Sources of Revenues[]Taxes on Telecommunications Goods and Services.[]</code> Two federal social contribution taxes, PIS and COFINS, are imposed at combined rates of 3.65% on gross revenues (operating and financial) relating to telecommunications services and at combined rates of 4.65% on cellular telephone handset sales. Our value-added and other taxes relating to services increased 22.2% from pro forma 2003 to 2004, due primarily to an increase in the operating revenue from services and increased sales of handsets.

#### **Discounts**

Discounts on services increased 48.8% to 607,193 in 2004, compared to 496,745 in pro forma 2003. This increase was due primarily to strong competitive pressure to offer discounts during 2004.

Sales of cellular handsets and accessories

Sales of cellular handsets was R\$646.8 million in 2004, a 70.5% increase from R\$379.3 in pro forma 2003, due primarily to higher growth of mobile telecommunications in 2004, when 1.9 million handsets were sold compared to 1.0 million in 2003.

## Costs of services and goods

Cost of services and goods increased by 22.2% from pro forma 2003 to 2004, due primarily to a 60.7% increase in handset costs, a 42.9% increase in circuit leasing and related expenses, a 26.8% increase in materials and services, a 13.6% increase in the Fistel Tax and other, a 22.7% increase in personnel and a 12.9% increase in depreciation and amortization expenses. The following table sets forth the composition of costs of services and sales of cellular handsets, as well as the percentage change, from pro forma 2003 to 2004:

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## **Statement of Income Data:** 1

Brazilian Corporate Law Method	Brazilian	Corporate	Law	Method
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	Ye	year over year				
	2003	1	Pro forma 2003		2004	Pro forma 2003-2004
	(in thous	ands	of reais)	Percentag	je Changes	
R\$	169 454	R\$	310 973	R\$	351 018	12.9

Depreciation and amortization

Interconnection expenses Circuit leasing and related		96,025 51,330	265,706	208,992	(21.3)
expenses		•	99,250	141,835	42.9
Materials and services		26,750	44,372	56,243	26.8
Personnel		10,111	18,869	23,158	22.7
FISTEL tax and other		1,522	2,629	2,987	13.6
Total cost of services	;	355,192	741,799	784,233	5.7
Cost of handsets and accessories sold	:	221,722	316,694	508,837	60.7
Total costs of services and goods	R\$ :	576,914	R\$ 1,058,493	R\$ 1,293,070	22.2

# (1) Columns may not add due to rounding. Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased 12.9% to R\$351.0 million in 2004 from R\$311.0 million in pro forma 2003, due primarily to increases in the amount of our depreciable assets, as a result of investments made relating to the expansion and modernization of our network. In 2004, the Depreciation of the TDMA-related assets were accelerated, in order to be fully depreciated by 2008. We expect our depreciation expense to increase in the future as depreciation of our GSM investments increases.

## Interconnection expenses

Interconnection expenses consist of amounts paid to fixed-line and other cellular service providers for completion on their networks of calls originating on our network. Interconnection costs decreased 21.3% to R\$209.0 million in 2004, from R\$265.7 million in pro forma 2003, due primarily to the effects of the new CSP program billing rules introduced in July 2003, under which an operator is obligated to pay another operator for interconnection services only when the first operator\[ \]s relative share of the total interconnection minutes rendered between the two operators falls below 45% of the total of such minutes in any given month.

## Circuit leasing and related expenses

Circuit leasing and related expenses represent lease payments to Brasil Telecom, Telemar and Embratel for use of circuits interconnecting our radio base stations and switching centers and connecting our network to the networks of Brasil Telecom, Telemar and Embratel. Circuit leasing and related expenses increased 42.9% in 2004 to R\$141.8 million from R\$99.3 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was mainly due to the increase in leased lines and radio sites due to the expansion of the network, which resulted in a 0.8% increase in the number of TDMA base stations and a 76% increase in the number of GSM base stations.

#### Materials and services

Third-party materials and services costs were R\$56.2 million in 2004, a 26.8% increase over R\$44.4 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was primarily due to the increase in the number of sites used to support our network.

## Personnel

Personnel costs increased 22.7% to R\$23.2 million in 2004 from R\$18.9 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was primarily due to a salary adjustment in accordance with a collective-bargaining agreement with our labor union and a 10.5% increase in the size of our workforce.

#### FISTEL tax and other

FISTEL tax and other costs increased 13.6% to R\$3.0 million in 2004 from R\$2.6 million in pro forma 2003, due in part to charges for the installation of new stations and fees for the maintenance of existing stations. We believe FISTEL costs will increase in the future due to the expansion of the GSM network and tax expenses on the handsets we sell.

#### Costs of handsets and accessories sold

The cost of handsets and accessories sold in 2004 was R\$508.8 million, representing a 60.7% increase from R\$316.7 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was due primarily due to an expansion in the handset sales volume during the period in 2004 as 1.9 million handsets were sold compared to 1.0 million sold in 2003.

## **Gross profit margins**

The following table sets forth our gross profits, as well as the percentage change, from pro forma 2003 to 2004:

## Statement of Income Data:1

Brazilian Corporate Law Method	Year e	% Change		
	2003	Pro forma 2003	2004	Pro forma 2003 -2004
	(thou	sands of <i>reai</i> s	s) (1)	
Net operating revenues from services	890,732	1,818,190	2,120,728	16.6
Cost of services	(355,192)	(741,799)	(784,233)	5.7
Gross profit from services	535,540	1,076,391	1,336,495	24.2
Net operating revenues from sales of cellular				
handsets and accessories	197,550	292,073	443,904	52.0
Cost of goods	(221,722)	(316,694)	(508,837)	60.7
Gross loss from sales of cellular handsets and accessories	(24,172)	(24,621)	(64,933)	163.7
Gross profit	511,368	1,051,770	1,271,562	20.9
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<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our gross profit margin (gross profit as a percentage of net revenues) from services increased from 59.2% in pro forma 2003 to 63.0% in 2004. This increase resulted primarily from an increase in revenues while costs, particularly depreciation and amortization, increased more slowly. In addition, interconnection expenses decreased as an effect of the new CSP Program billing rules, under which we only need to pay another operator for interconnection services when our share of the total interconnection minutes rendered between operators falls below 45% of the total monthly minutes.

Our negative gross margin for sales of cellular handsets and accessories increased from 8.4% in pro forma 2003 to 14.6% in 2004. We engage in sales of handsets, often with special promotions at particular times of the year, to increase the number of customers and generate demand for our services. The increase in negative gross margin in 2004 was due primarily to an increase in subsidies.

Our overall gross profit margin remained stable, from 49.8% in pro forma 2003 to 49.6% in 2004. This resulted primarily from an increase in gross profit margin on services offset by the reduction of our gross margin for handset sales.

# Operating expenses

The following table sets forth our operating expenses, as well as the percentage change from year to year of each component, for pro forma 2003 and 2004:

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#### **Statement of Income Data:** 1

Brazilian Corporate Law Method

Year en	Year ended December 31,		Year over year
2003	Pro forma 2003	2004	Pro forma 2003 -2004

## (1) Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our total operating expenses increased 27.6% to R\$883.5 million in 2004 from R\$692.5 million in pro forma 2003. This increase resulted from increases in selling expenses and others net operating expenses.

## Selling expenses

Selling expenses increased 40.2% to R\$647.3 million in 2004 from R\$461.6 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was primarily due to a 71.6% growth in the gross addition of clients, which were 2.5 million in 2004 compared to 1.5 million in 2003.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased 5.9% to R\$182.4 million in 2004 from R\$193.8 million in pro forma 2003. This reduction was primarily due to the decrease of general and administrative costs as a result of the merger of TND with and into TSU.

#### Other operating expense, net

Other net operating expenses increased 75.6% to R\$53.7 million in 2004 from R\$30.6 million in pro forma 2003. This increase was primarily due to an increase in expenses related to PIS and COFINS over interest on shareholder so equity and an aggregate increase in various categories of other operating income.

## Net financial income (expense)

We had net financial income of R\$60.6 million in 2004, which represented a 23.4% decrease from R\$79.1 million in pro forma 2003. This decrease was primarily due to a 19.7% decrease in the average cash allotted to financial investment for and a decline of 7.1% in the inter-bank certificate of deposit rate (CDI) over 2003. In 2004 we recorded foreign exchange losses of R\$28.2 million, but these losses were offset by gains of R\$24.0 million resulting in a net foreign exchange expense of R\$4.2 million.

A portion of our capital expenditures were financed through loans and financings, which had principal amounts outstanding of R\$103.4 million in 2004, R\$161.0 million in pro forma 2003 and R\$81.1 million in 2003. See [Item 4. Information on the Company[Capital Expenditures.]

## Net non-operating income (expense)

Net non-operating income and expenses consist mainly of gains and losses on the disposition of fixed assets, and write-offs of fixed assets. We had net non-operating expense of R\$4.6 million in 2004, compared to net non-operating income of R\$26.7 million in pro forma 2003. The net non-operating expense in 2004 was due to the losses of our interest in subsidiaries. The net non-operating income in 2003 resulted primarily from the gain realized on the sale of our interest in Blah! S.A.

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#### Income and social contribution taxes

We recorded income and social contribution tax expense of R\$108.0 million in 2004, compared to an expense of R\$111.8 million in pro forma 2003. This decrease was primarily due to the reduction in our income before taxes.

## Minority interests

Minority interests reflect the participation of minority shareholders in our subsidiaries  $\square$  net income or loss, as the case may be. Minority interest participation in the net income of our subsidiaries in 2004 was R\$70.1 million, compared to R\$75.4 million in pro forma 2003.

# Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2003 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2002

#### Net income

Net income in 2003 was R\$120.8 million, representing an increase of 83.7% from R\$65.8 million in 2002, due mainly to the increase of total revenues and decrease of financial expenses, which resulted from the decrease in the amount of total debt, expansion of net financial revenues resulting from interest earned on investments of cash and cash equivalents and the gain of R\$12.5 million we realized on the sale of Blah! S.A.

## Operating revenues

The following table sets forth certain components of our operating revenues, as well as the percentage change of each component from the prior year, for 2002 and 2003:

Statement of Income Data: (1)

Brazilian Corporate Law Method

Year ended December 31,

Year over year

	2002	2003	2002-2003
	(thousar	nds of <i>reais</i> )	Percentage Changes
Usage charges	R\$ 409,766	R\$ 448,349	9.4%
Long distance charges		39,331	
Value added services	14,574	34,621	137.6
Site sharing revenues	8,147	12,268	50.6
Monthly subscription charges	197,307	224,178	13.6
Interconnection charges	341,496	397,107	16.3
Other service revenues	5,339	3,618	(32.2)
Gross operating revenues from services	976,629	1,159,472	18.7
Value-added and other taxes relating to services	(194,131)	(232,130)	19.6
Discounts on services	(27,937)	(36,610)	31.0
Net operating revenues from services	754,561	890,732	18.0
Sales of cellular handsets and accessories	174,879	255,716	46.2
Value-added and other taxes on handset sales	(20,592)	(33,989)	65.1
Discounts on handset sales	(12,024)	(24,177)	101.1
Net operating revenues from sales of cellular handsets and accessories	142,263	197,550	38.9
Total net operating revenues	R\$ 896,824	R\$ 1,088,282	21.3%

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# (1) Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our net operating revenues increased 21.3% to R\$1,088.3 million in 2003, after increasing by 12.5% to R\$896.8 million in 2002. This growth in revenues resulted principally from increases in the size of our customer base, the sale of cellular telephone handsets, value added services and tariffs.

In 2003, our average number of customers, calculated as the simple mean of monthly averages, increased 13.6% to 1,889,772 customers, compared to 1,663,786 customers in 2002. Our average number of customers using pre-paid services in 2003 was 1,368,557, representing a 23.7% increase from 1,106,682 in 2002.

Average monthly revenue per customer increased 5.3% to R\$40 in 2003, compared to R\$38 in 2002. The increase in 2003 was due principally to an increase in corporate-sector sales, which sales represented 46% of the total of the post-paid plan sales, improvement in the quality of the post-paid customer base through the implementation of rigid collection procedures, expansion of value-added services revenues and increased tariffs.

Usage charges

Revenues from usage charges increased to R\$448.3 million in 2003, a 9.4% increase compared to R\$409.8 million in 2002. This increase resulted primarily from an expansion of our client base and an increase in tariffs, which was partially offset by the effects on usage charges of the alteration of our rate structure under the CSP Program billing rules introduced in July 2003, as a result of which we no longer fully receive revenues for |VC2| and |VC3| calls. Revenues collected for long distance calls, which begin in July 2003, are accounted for in the |L00| distances charges |L00| line.

The volume of outgoing minutes used by our customers in 2003 was 981.9 million, representing a 28.1% increase from 766.7 million in 2002. In 2003, we had 1,172.4 million incoming minutes, representing a 13.4% decrease from 1,353.8 million minutes in 2002.

The total average monthly minutes of billed use per customer ( $\square MOU \square$ ) for 2002 and 2003 was as shown in the following table:

	Dece	ecember 31,	
	2002	2003	
Average incoming MOU during the year	59.7	51.7	
Average outgoing MOU during the year	38.4	43.3	
Average total MOU during the year	98.1	95.0	

We believe the decrease in the average MOU during the period ending December 31, 2003 mainly was due to the increase in the number of customers served through our pre-paid plans. Customers using our pre-paid plans have a lower average MOU than customers using our post-paid plans. We believe that the higher usage levels by customers using post-paid plans results from customer loyalty programs, segmented customer retention policies, the launching of new service plans and improvements in TIM Business, a unit that specializes in the development of communications solutions for corporate customers.

## Long distance charges

While operating under the concessions, we had the right to charge VC2 and VC3 rates for all long distance calls placed by our customers. As of July 2003, the CSP Program went into effect, under which we are required to enable our customers to choose a long distance carrier on a per call basis. Taking into account that on January 2005 we relinquished our long distance licenses, we no longer have revenues from long distance calls. In 2003, our revenues from long distance charges under the CSP Program were R\$39.3 million.

Value added services

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Value added service revenues increased 137.6% to R\$34.6 million in 2003 from R\$14.6 million in 2002. The increase resulted primarily from the growth of such services. In 2003, we registered 149 million billed messages, representing a 156% increase over 2002.

Site sharing revenues

To avoid unnecessary duplication of networks and infrastructures, Anatel permits telecommunications service providers to use other providers networks, for a fee, as secondary support in providing telecommunications services. Consistent with this regulatory approach, we have allowed other telecommunications service providers in our Regions to use our infrastructure, resulting in our receipt of site sharing revenues, which increased 50.6% to R\$12.3 million in 2003, due to increased sharing of infrastructure with third parties.

## Monthly subscription charges

Revenues from monthly subscription charges increased 13.6% in 2003 to R\$224.2 million, compared to R\$197.3 million in 2002. In 2003, the increase was due primarily to tariffs increases and increases in the corporate customer base for which average monthly plan rates are higher than for individual plans.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2003	
Average number of customers using post-paid plans (1) Average number of customers using pre-paid plans (1)	557,104 1,106,682	521,215 1,368,557	
Total number of customers (1)	1,663,786	1,889,772	

<sup>(1)</sup> Average numbers are based on the number of customers at the end of each month during the relevant year.

## Interconnection charges

Interconnection revenues increased 16.3% to R\$397.1 million in 2003 from R\$341.5 million in 2002. The increase resulted primarily from increases in our customer base and interconnection rates. The increase was partially offset by the new usage rate structure introduced for billing interconnection charges between mobile carriers that was introduced as part of the PCS regulations.

#### Other service revenues

Revenues from other services decreased 32.2% to R\$3.6 million in 2003 from R\$5.3 million in 2002. This decrease was mainly due to a policy change in charging for such services. In 2002, such services were charged separately while in 2003 they were offered as part of our plans.

## Value-added and other taxes relating to services

The 14.7% increase in tax costs in 2002 was due to the increases in revenues from services and sales of handsets and an increase in the ICMS tax rate from 25% to 27% in the State of Paraná, which went into effect in January 1, 2002. The 36.2% increase in tax costs in 2003 resulted from the increase in operating revenue from services and the increased sales of handsets.

#### Discounts

Discounts amounted to R\$60.8 million in 2003, representing a 52.1% increase from R\$40.0 million in 2002. The increase in 2003 was due to the customer loyalty program we implemented in response to increased competition. The decrease in discounts provided to customers in 2002 resulted mainly from a reduction of competitive pressure to offer discounts during the year.

#### Sales of cellular handsets and accessories

Sales of cellular handsets in 2003 increased 46.2% to R\$255.7 million from R\$174.9 million in 2002. In 2003, more than 750 thousand handsets were sold, representing a 71% increase from 532 thousand in 2002.

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#### Costs of services and goods

Cost of services and goods increased by 18.6% in 2003. This increase was due primarily to a 37.8% increase in cellular handset costs, a 51.8% increase in materials and services expenses, a 19.0% increase in circuit leasing and related expenses and a 6.6% increase in interconnection expenses.

The following table sets forth the composition of costs of services and sales of cellular handsets, as well as the percentage change from 2002 to 2003:

# Statement of Income Data: (1)

Brazilian Corporate Law Method	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2003	2002-2003
	(thousa	nds of <i>reais</i> )	Percentage Changes
Depreciation and amortization	R\$ 164,362	R\$ 169,454	3.1
Interconnection expenses	90,066	96,025	6.6
Circuit leasing and related			
expenses	43,147	51,330	19.0
Materials and services	17,392	26,750	53.8
Personnel	8,965	10,111	12.8
FISTEL tax and other	1,254	1,522	21.4
Total cost of services	325,186	355,192	9.2
Cost of handsets and accessories			
sold	161,197	221,722	37.5
Total costs of services and goods	R\$ 486,383	R\$ 576,914	18.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

## Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased 3.1% to R\$169.5 million in 2003, compared to R\$164.4 million in 2002. This increase resulted mainly from increases in the amount of our depreciable assets, as a result of investments made relating to the expansion and modernization of our network. During 2002, we increased the number of our base stations to 795, all operating under digital technology. In 2003, we increased the total

number of base stations to 1,294 of which 806 serviced our TDMA network and 488 were used for our GSM network. We expect our depreciation expense to increase in the future as depreciation of our new GSM investments increases.

## Interconnection expenses

Interconnection costs increased 6.6% to R\$96.0 million in 2003 from R\$90.1 million in 2002. This increase resulted principally from the increase in our customer base and increased tariffs, and was partially offset by the effects of the CSP Program billing rules introduced in July 2003, under which an operator is obligated to pay another operator for interconnection services only when the first operator srelative share of the total interconnection minutes rendered between the two operators falls below 45% of the total of such minutes in any given month.

## Circuit leasing and related expenses

Circuit leasing and related expenses increased 19.0% to R\$51.3 million in 2003 from R\$43.1 million in 2002. This increase resulted primarily from increases in the number of lines leased and the prices we paid for them. The increase in leased line and radio site costs in 2002 was primarily due to an expansion of the network, which resulted in a 5.4% increase in the number of radio base stations.

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#### Materials and services

Materials and services costs amounted to R\$26.8 million in 2003, a 53.8% increase from R\$17.4 million in 2002. This increase resulted principally from an increase in the number of sites used to support our network and an increase in service costs on equipment the warranties on which had expired.

## Personnel

Personnel costs increased 12.8% to R\$10.1 million in 2003 from R\$9.0 million in 2002. This increase was mainly due to a salary adjustment in accordance with a collective-bargaining agreement with our labor union and was partially offset by a reduction in the size of our workforce.

#### FISTEL tax and other

FISTEL tax and other costs increased 21.4% to R\$1.5 million in 2003 from R\$1.3 million in 2002. Part of the FISTEL tax we pay consists of a charge for the installation of new stations and a fee (equal to 50% of the new installation fee) for the maintenance of existing stations. FISTEL tax expense in 2003 and 2002 consisted principally of fees charged for the maintenance of existing stations, and the amount recorded in this line item remained stable as compared to the prior year.

#### Costs of handsets and accessories sold

The cost of cellular handsets and accessories sold in 2003 was R\$221.7 million, representing a 37.5% increase from R\$161.2 million in 2002. This increase resulted primarily from an increased volume of sales.

## Gross profit margins

The following table sets forth our gross profits, as well as the percentage change, from 2002 to 2003:

Statement of Income Data: <sup>1</sup> Brazilian Corporate Law Method	Year Ended 31	% Change		
	2002	2002 2003		
	(thousands (1			
Net operating revenues from services Cost of services	754,561 (325,186)	890,732 (355,192)	18.0 9.2	
Gross profit from services	429,375	535,540	24.7	
Net operating revenues from sales of cellular handsets and accessories Cost of goods	142,263 (161,197)	197,550 (221,722)	38.9 37.5	
Gross loss from sales of cellular handsets and accessories	(18,934)	(24,172)	27.7	
Gross profit	410,441	511,368	24.6	

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our gross profit margin (gross profit as a percentage of net revenues) from services increased from 56.9% in 2002 to 59.8% in 2003. The increase in gross profit margin on services in 2003 resulted primarily from the increase of revenues while costs, particularly depreciation and amortization and interconnection expenses, increased more slowly.

Our negative gross margin for sales of cellular handsets and accessories decreased from 13.3% in 2002 to 8.2% in 2003. We engage in sales of handsets, often with special promotions at particular times of the year, to increase the number of customers and generate demand for our services. The decrease in negative gross margin in 2003 was due primarily to a reduction in subsidies on a greater total volume of sales.

Our overall gross profit margin increased from 45.8% in 2002 to 47.0% in 2003. The increase in overall gross profit margin in 2003 resulted from the increase in gross profit margin on services and secondarily from a further reduction of our gross loss margin on handset sales.

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# Operating expenses

The following table sets forth our operating expenses, as well as the percentage change from year to year of each component, for 2002 and 2003:

Statement of Income Data: 1		Year over
Brazilian Corporate Law Method	Year Ended December 3	31, year
	2002 2003	2002-2003

		Changes
R\$ (185,446)	R\$ (230,488)	24.3%
(83,346)	(94,877)	13.8
(20,463)	(28,422)	38.8
(4,288)	(3,250)	(24.2)
R\$ (293,543)	R\$ (357,037)	21.6%
	(83,346) (20,463) (4,288)	(83,346) (94,877) (20,463) (28,422) (4,288) (3,250)

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our total operating expenses increased 18.7% to R\$357 million in 2003 from R\$293.5 million in 2002. This increase resulted from increases in each category of operating expenses, led by selling and general and administrative expenses.

#### Selling expenses

Selling expenses increased 24.3% to R\$230.5 million in 2003 from R\$185.4 million in 2002. This increase resulted principally from increases in the amount of commission and FISTEL tax on handsets paid as a result of the greater number of handsets sold and in advertising costs.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses increased 13.8% to R\$94.9 million in 2003 from R\$83.3 million in 2002. This increase resulted primarily from increased costs of maintaining equipment on which product warranties have expired, extraordinary expenses related to our implementation of SMP technologies and an increase in depreciation and amortization allocated to our investments in equipment.

## Other operating expense, net

Other net operating expenses increased 38.8% to R\$28.4 million in 2003 from R\$20.5 million in 2002. In 2003, other net operating expense principally included the amortization of goodwill in an amount of R\$25.3 million. This expense was partially offset by income in the amount of R\$9.3 million, derived mainly from fines in connection with the collection of past-due accounts, income from prescribed dividends, a reversal of provision for market value adjustment of inventories and other revenues.

In 2002, other net operating expense principally included the amortization of goodwill in an amount of R\$25.3 million. This expense was partially offset by income of R\$3.5 million derived from fines in connection with the collection from past-due account, R\$5.6 million from rentals of circuits to fixed-line providers, R\$1.2 million from the settlement of an international roaming dispute, R\$1.2 million recovered under an agreement with NEC, R\$1.1 million in the form of free handsets and accessories from suppliers for market testing, a R\$0.7 million tax refund related to intercompany loans and R\$6.4 million in other revenues.

#### Loss on equity investment

We record losses on our equity investment in Blah! S.A. in this line, which amounted to R\$3.3 million in 2003 and R\$4.3 million in 2002. In view of our sale of our interest in Blah! S.A. in 2003, we expect amounts recorded in this line item to decrease materially in future years.

Parcentage

## Net financial income (expense)

We had net financial income of R\$25.8 million in 2003 and R\$19.0 million net financial expense in 2002. The net financial income recorded in 2003 resulted primarily from an 81.9% increase in interest accrued on short-term investments, which amounted to R\$100.9 million, due to the increase in the average amount of cash resources available. On the other hand, we registered a 16.2% decrease in interest on loans and financing which resulted principally from the reduction of the average outstanding principal amount of our indebtedness..

A portion of our capital expenditures were financed through loans and financings, which had principal amounts outstanding of R\$81.1 million and R\$321.1 million on December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. See <code>[Item 4. Information on the Company[Capital Expenditures.[]]</code>

## Net non-operating income (expense)

Net non-operating income and expenses consist mainly of gains and losses on the disposition of fixed assets and write-offs of fixed assets. We had net non-operating income of R\$12.8 million in 2003, compared to net non-operating expense of R\$0.1 million 2002. Our net non-operating income in 2003 resulted primarily from the gain realized on the sale of our interest in Blah!, while our net non-operating expense in 2002 was due primarily to sales of assets below cost.

#### Income and social contribution taxes

We recorded income and social contribution tax expense in the amount of R\$42.4 million and R\$19.5 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively, due mainly to increases in pre-tax income.

#### Minority interests

Minority interest participation in the net income of TIM Sul was R\$29.8 million in 2003 and R\$12.6 million in 2002.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal assets are the shares of TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste. We rely almost exclusively on dividends from TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste to meet our needs for cash, including for the payment of dividends to shareholders. We control the payment of dividends by these subsidiaries subject to limitations set forth by Brazilian law. These limitations do not materially restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute dividends of income and reserves to us.

We expect to fund our capital expenditures and distributions to our shareholders in 2005 with cash from operating and investing activities. The significant reduction of outstanding debt in 2003 reduced the demands on our cash from operations to service debt. Our management expects cash from operations to be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements in 2005 and for the periods of 2006 and 2007. In the event that cash from such sources were to fall short of our expectations, we would seek to compensate for such shortfall through a combination of financing and reduction of both capital expenditures and distributions to shareholders. Distributions to our shareholders, however, cannot fall below minimum thresholds required by Brazilian Corporate Law. See  $\Box$ Item 8. Financial Information $\Box$ Dividend Policy. $\Box$ 

## Sources of Funds

## Cash from operations

Our cash flows from operating activities were R\$892.2 million in 2004, compared to R\$663.7 million in pro forma 2003. At December 31, 2004, we had working capital of R629.7 million, compared to working capital of R\$656.8 million in pro forma 2003.

#### Financial Contracts

We and our Subsidiaries are parties to the following material financial contracts:

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- Credit Agreement, dated as of December 22, 2000, among BNDES, TIM Sul, as borrower, and TSU, as guarantor, in the principal amount of R\$41.3 million outstanding as of December 31, 2004. Under this loan, R\$27.2 million of the total principal amount bears interest at a variable rate of 4% plus the long term interest rate ("TJLP"), which was 9.75% per annum on December 31, 2004. The remaining R\$14.1 million of principal is adjusted according to a "BNDES currency basket," consisting mainly of the U.S. dollar plus a 4% spread related to the BNDES foreign funding costs (Res. 635/87) . On December 31, 2004, the outstanding amount under this credit agreement, including accrued interest, was R\$41.5 million.
- Credit Agreement, dated as of September 22, 2000, between TIM Nordeste, as borrower and the European Investment Bank, as lender, in the principal amount of US\$50 million, of which US\$41.4 million was outstanding as of December 31, 2004. We have hedged our risk of currency exchange rate fluctuations on our payments of principal and interest under this agreement, under which we pay interest at a variable rate of 1.775% per annum plus three-month LIBOR. This loan matures on September 15, 2005. On September 22, 2000, in connection with the loan agreement between TIM Nordeste and the European Investment Bank, TND entered into a Guarantee and Indemnity Agreement with the European Investment Bank, and an Indemnification Agreement with Banque Sudameris, guarantying the due performance of TIM Nordeste under the loan agreement.
- Credit Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2004, among TIM Nordeste, as borrower, and Banco do Nordeste do Brasil S.A., as lender, in the principal amount of R\$20 million. The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2004 was R\$20 million. The agreement, which matures on June 28, 2012, bears interest in the rate of 14% per annum. In connection with this agreement, Banco Bradesco S.A. issued a letter of guarantee, subject to the payment of fees corresponding to 1% per annum of the principal amount. The guarantee agreement executed by TIM Nordeste and Banco Bradesco S.A. provides for the issuance of a \$30 million promissory note by TIM Nordeste, with TND as the guarantor of such promissory note.

See Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for a further description of such financing agreements. See Note 28 to our Consolidated Financial Statements and [Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk, for a discussion regarding our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations and our hedging activities.

On December 31, 2004, we had R\$103.4 million outstanding in loans, financings and debentures, compared to R\$161.0 million on December 31, 2003 pro forma and R\$81.1 million on December 31, 2003.

#### **Uses of Funds**

Principal uses of funds during the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, were the purchase of fixed assets, the payment of distributions to our shareholders and loan repayments. Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets for the years ended December 2004, 2003 and 2002 totalled R\$674.5 million, R\$278.3 million and

R\$142.6 million, respectively. Dividend payments to our shareholders and subsidiary minority interest during the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 totalled R\$65.3 million, R\$61.3 million and R\$45.2 million, respectively. Funds used for loan payments for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 totaled, respectively, R\$77.4 million, R\$461.6 million and R\$84.5 million. See Note 34 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Investments in Fixed Assets

Our capital expenditures in 2004 related primarily to implementation of our GSM network, on which we expended a total of R\$634.1 million. In 2003 and 2002, capital expenditures related primarily to:

- implementation and maintenance of our GSM and TDMA networks;
- purchases of equipment relating to our migration to PCS operations;

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- expanding network capacity, coverage and digitalization;
- developing new operational systems to meet customers[] demands; and
- creating the Blah! internet portal.

The following table contains a breakdown of our investments in fixed assets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

	Ì	Year ended December 31,					
<u>Capital Expenditures Categories(1)</u>		2003	Pro forma 2003	2004			
	R\$						
Telecommunications equipment	34.5	R\$146.1	R\$302.5	R\$472.5			
Network construction	1.4	4.9	52.1	77.7			
Information technology	22.2	35.6	69.6	52.2			
PCS License		17.6	40.9	2.8			
Others	10.6	8.8	40.5	69.7			
Total capital expenditures	R\$ 68.7	R\$213.0	R\$505.6	R\$674.9			

<sup>(1)</sup> Columns may not add due to rounding.

Our management has approved planned capital expenditures in 2005 in the total amount of R\$561.8 million. Most of the planned 2005 capital expenditures relate to the expansion of the GSM network. See [Item4. Information on the Company]History and Development of the Company[Capital Expenditures.] At December 31, 2004, we did not have material capital expenditure commitments.

#### Dividends

We are required to distribute 25% of our adjusted net income to our shareholders either as dividends or as tax-deductible interest on shareholders equity. We are loo required to pay a non-cumulative preferred dividend on our preferred shares in an amount equal to the higher of: (i) 6% of our capital (||capital|| social||) divided by the total number of ordinary and preferred shares, and (ii) 3% of the net shareholders equity (||patrimônio|| líquido||), according to the most recent financial statements approved by the shareholders. See Note 19 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste are also subject to mandatory distribution requirements and are accordingly required to pay dividends to their shareholders, which include in addition to us, their minority shareholders. See Item 4 || Information on the Company || Recent Development -Ownership Restructuring of the Companies controlled by TIM Participações.

The following table contains a breakdown of the dividends and interest on shareholders□ equity paid (net of income taxes) by us to our shareholders during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

	Year ended December 31,					
Distribution (R\$ million)		2002		2003		2004
Dividends Interest on Shareholders□ Equity	R\$	34.8 10.4	R\$	40.3 21.0	R\$	60.3 5.0
Total Distributions	R\$	45.2	R\$	61.3	R\$	65.3

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Our common shareholders approved on March 9, 2005 the distribution of a total of R\$72.6 million, to our shareholders in respect of 2004 income, as dividends and interest on shareholders equity. The amount distributed net of taxes was R\$68.1 million. Our common shareholders approved on April 22, 2004 and April 23, 2004 the distribution of a total of R\$79.8 million, to our shareholders in respect of 2003 income, as dividends and interest on shareholders equity. The amount distributed net of taxes was R\$78.0 million.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

The following table represents our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2004:

<b>Payments due by Period</b>	
(in thousands of <i>reais</i> )	

	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years	
Contractual obligations <sup>(1)</sup>						
	R\$	R\$				
Long-term debt	103.4 R\$	62.2 R\$	R\$ 29.5	R\$6.7	R\$ 5.0	
Operating Leases (2)	202.2 R\$	30.2 R\$	R\$ 99.3	R\$72.3	0.5	
Total contractual cash obligations	305.6	92.4	R\$128.8	R\$ 79.1	R\$5.5	

- (1) Other than as set forth herein, we have no capital lease obligations, unconditional purchase obligations, commercial commitments (*i.e.*, lines of credit, standby letters of credit, standby repurchase obligations or other commercial commitments) or other long-term obligations.
- (2) The information regarding payments due by period under our operating leases reflects future payments due that are non-cancelable without payment of a penalty. See note 18 to our Consolidated Financial Statement.

In 2005, we expect to make approximately R\$561.8 million in capital expenditures, to be funded by cash generated from our business. See  $\square$ Item 4. Information on the Company $\square$ Our Network.  $\square$  Most of our planned capital expenditures for 2005 relate to the expansion of the GSM network. See  $\square$ Item 4. Information on the Company $\square$ Capital Expenditures.  $\square$ 

#### **Contingent Pension Liabilities**

Until December 1999, we participated in a multi-employer defined benefit plan (the <code>[Telebrás Pension Plan[])</code> that covered the employees of the Telebrás System who retired before the Breakup as well as those who continued working for the operating companies after the Breakup. We are contingently liable, jointly and severally with the other New Holding Companies, for the unfunded obligations of the Telebrás Pension Plan with respect to all such employees who retired before January 30, 2000. In December 1999, we changed to a defined benefit plan (the <code>[PBS Plan[]]</code>) that covers only those former employees of Telebrás who continued to be employed by us after December 1999. We are also contingently liable for the unfunded obligations of the PBS Plan with respect to our employees participating in this plan. See Note 29 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In November 2002, we created a separate defined contribution plan (the <code>[TIMPREV Pension Plan[]</code>). Migration to this plan was optional for employees linked to the PBS Plan. Migration to the TIMPREV Pension Plan extinguishes the migrating participant rights under the PBS Plan. We are also contingently liable for the unfounded obligations of the TIMPREV Pension Plan with respect to our employees participating in this plan. See Note 29 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

## **Directors and Senior Management**

#### **Board of Directors**

The Holding Company is administered by a Board of Directors (*Conselho de Administração*) and a Board of Executive Officers (*Directoria*), which are overseen by a Fiscal Committee (*Conselho Fiscal*). The Board of Directors is comprised of three members serving for terms of three years each.

Our directors duties and responsibilities are set forth by Brazilian law, our Estatutos Sociais ([bylaws]) and our Política de Divulgação de Informações, as determined by CVM Instrução n. 358. All decisions taken by our board of directors are registered in the books of the Board of Directors meetings. The Board of Directors holds regular meetings once every quarter of the fiscal year and also holds special meetings when discretionarily called by the chair, or two directors. The chair of the Board of Directors may also invite to the Board of Directors meetings, at his discretion, any of our key employees, in order to discuss any relevant corporate matter. Our Board of Directors does not have an independent directors committee or a compensation committee.

Management is required to comply with, and has agreed to comply with, the Manual of Securities Trade and Information Use and Disclosure Policy, issued by the Company.

The following are the current members of the Board of Directors and their respective positions.

Name	Position	Date Assumed Office
Mario Cesar Pereira de Araújo	Chairman	May 3, 2004
Isaac Selim Sutton	Director	May 3, 2004
Franco Bertone	Director	May 3, 2004

The current members were elected to their respective offices at the Annual Shareholders Meeting in 2004. They are scheduled to be reelected or replaced at the Annual Shareholders Meeting in 2007. Set forth below are brief biographical descriptions of the members of the Board of Directors.

Mario Cesar Pereira de Araujo, 57 years old, has been a member of our Board of Directors and the Chairman of our Board since March 2003. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro ☐ UFRJ. Mr. Araujo has been Chief Executive Officer of TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. and TIM Celular S.A. since February 2003 and Chief Executive Officer of Maxitel since October 2003. From 1999 to 2002, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Norte Brasil Telecom. From 1998 to 1999, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Tele Centro Oeste Celular. From 1997 to 1998, he served as a Manager of Services in the areas of paging, trunking and Internet services at Splice do Brasil S.A. From 1977 to 1997, he worked at Embratel as a Manager of Data Communications, an Assistant to the Director of Engineering and as a Manager of the Department of Corporate Clients. From 1973 to 1977, he worked in the data and text communications department of Telerj.

Isaac Selim Sutton, 44 years old, has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2004. He holds a degree in economics from Unversidade de São Paulo ☐ USP. Mr. Sutton is also an officer for Grupo Safra since 1994 and has been a member of the Board of Directors of other Brazilian companies such as Aracruz, Telemig, Celma and Gevisa. Mr. Sutton was also a member of our Fiscal Committee and the Fiscal Committee of Tele Nordeste Celular.

Franco Bertone, 52 years old, has been a member of our Board of Directors since December 2002. Mr. Bertone holds a degree in electronic engineering. Mr. Bertone is Shareholders□ Relations Director for Telecom Italia Latin America. In 2001 and 2002, Mr. Bertone was the Director of International Operations for Telecom Italia Latin America and the Vice-President of Telecom Argentina. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Bertone was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Entel-Bolivia. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Bertone was the Chief Executive Officer of Sirti Limited□UK and Sirti Limited Corp.□USA. From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Bertone was the Director of Systems at Sirti-Milano. From 1983 to 1985, Mr. Bertone was the Program Manager of the Sirti-Ericsson-Philips joint venture in Saudi Arabia.

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We do not have contracts with our directors providing benefits upon termination of their appointments.

#### **Board of Executive Officers**

In accordance with the approval of our shareholders in an extraordinary meeting held on May 30, 2005, our Board of Executive Officers will be composed of at least two and no more than eight members, who may or may not be shareholders. The title of the members of our Board of Executive Officers shall be as follows: (i) Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Chief Financial Officer, (iii) Commercial Officer, (iv) Supply Officer, (v) Human Resources Officer, (vi) Legal Officer, (vii) Southern Operations Officer, and (viii) Northeast Operations Officer. Each member of our Board of Executive Officers, who serve three-year terms of office (with re-election permitted) may be elected or removed by our Board of Directors at any time. The Chief Financial Officer will also be our Investors Relations Officer.

The following are the current members of the Board of Executive Officers and their respective positions:

Name	Position	Date of First Appointment
Alvaro Pereira de Moraes Filho	Chief Executive Officer	October 31, 2002
Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza	Chief Financial Officer and Investors Relations Officer	October 31, 2002

Set forth below are brief biographical descriptions of the Executive Officers.

Alvaro Pereira de Moraes Filho, 56 years old, has been our president and chief executive officer since September 1998. He joined Telecomunicações do Paraná S.A. Telepar in 1974 where he has served as manager of data processing (1974-78), manager of the division of planning of operations (1976-80), manager of the coordination of operations department (1979-87), manager of the engineering planning department (1987-91), manager of the human resources development department (1991-93), executive officer of engineering (1993-94), manager of the technical coordination office (1994-95) and manager of the systems department (1996-98). He has also served as manager of the services department (1995-96) of Telepar Celular. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from the Instituto de Tecnologia e Aeronáutica [] ITA.

Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza, 41 years old, has been our Chief Financial Officer and Director of Investor Relations since January 2002. In 1988, he joined Itautec Informática S.A., acting as an accounting manager. From 1992 to 1998, he served as controlling manager at Holland Latina America Ltda. From 1998 to 1999, he served as Controller at Incepa Louças Sanitárias S.A. He joined Tele Celular Sul in 1999, as Comptroller, and has served as Chief Financial Officer since January 2002. His professional experience includes the preparation of management

systems for the financial, human resources and controller areas. He holds an accounting degree from Faculdades Integradas Guarulhos.

## **Fiscal Committee**

The Fiscal Committee consists of five members, three of which are elected by the majority common shareholders, one by the minority common shareholders and one by the preferred shareholders.

The following are the current members of our fiscal committee:

Name	Date Appointed	Term
Mailson Ferreira da Nóbrega	March 9, 2005	1 year
José Antonio Ramos	March 9, 2005	1 year
Josino de Almeida Fonseca Sheila Periard Henrique	March 9, 2005	1 year
Silva	March 9, 2005	1 year
Antonio Abrahão Chalita	March 9, 2005	1 year

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, the Fiscal Committee sgeneral duties and responsibilities include monitoring the actions of management and verifying its compliance with legal duties and appropriate statutes;

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providing opinions regarding management annual report, business plans and budgets; and performing reviews of, and opinions regarding, our financial statements. All members serve independently from the company in their capacities on the Fiscal Committee.

Since our April 23, 2004 general shareholders meeting, we have elected members of the Fiscal Committee who are independent from the Company and its affiliates. At a general shareholders meeting held on May 6, 2004, we adopted internal by-laws of our Fiscal Committee in order for it to serve as an alternative structure to an audit committee in accordance with Rule 10A-3 under Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which we call \[ \subsetence Sarbanes-Oxley \subsetence Section 301 of the Sarbanes-Oxley \subsetence Section 301 of Sarbanes-Oxley \subsetence Section

## Compensation

For the year ended December 31, 2004, we approved approximately R\$2.1 million, in the aggregate, as compensation to our directors and executive officers. The officers and directors did not receive any benefit not included in the compensation referred to in this annual report. Accordingly, we did not set aside or accrue any amounts to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits to our officers and directors during 2004. See  $\square$ Stock Option Plan, $\square$  for a description of our plan to compensate our employees based on the results of operations.

Each member of the Fiscal Committee receives R\$108,000 per year.

We are not required under Brazilian law to disclose, and have not otherwise disclosed, the compensation of our directors and officers on an individual basis.

## Stock Option Plan

At our extraordinary shareholders meeting held on May 2, 2001, our shareholders approved a stock option plan that was effective as of that date. The purposes of the stock option plan are:

- to retain the services and advice of our key directors and employees, upon whose judgment, initiative and efforts we depend;
- to make available to our key directors and employees certain compensatory arrangements based on our market value increase; and
- to align generally the interests of our key directors and employees and the interests of our shareholder

Our stock option plan had a four-year term and expired in April 2005. Our Board of Executive Officers could authorize future capital increases, within the limit of the authorized capital, with the issuance of Preferred Shares for the benefit of our key employees. The number of shares that could be issued under the stock option plan was limited to 1.5% of our capital stock. Options vest under the stock option plan only if our earnings before interest and taxes meet certain targets, which are set for each year in the annual budgeting process. The holders of options under the stock option plan could be able to exercise their options at certain prices established under the terms of the plan.

In 2003 29 of our employees exercised their options under our stock option plan, resulting in the acquisition of 26,798 preferred shares through December 31, 2003. See Note 19.e to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information about the stock option plan.

On April 26, 2005, our Board of Directors approved a capital increase within the limits of our authorized capital, in the amount of R\$ 2,005,816.29 (two million, five thousand, eight hundred and sixteen Reais and twenty-nine cents), upon the issuance of 595,198 (five hundred and ninety-five thousand, one hundred and ninety-eight) tranches of 1,000 preferred shares, resulting from the exercise of the share purchase options by 24 officers, managers and employees pursuant to our Share Purchase Option Plan.

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### **Share Ownership**

The directors and members of the administrative, supervisory and management bodies of the Holding Company do not hold in the aggregate more than 1% of either the Common or Preferred Shares outstanding. As of April 30, 2005, the directors and executive officers of the Holding Company, owned, in the aggregate, 6,521 Common Shares.

#### **Our Employees**

At December 31, 2004, we had 2,190 full-time employees, of whom 1,046 were employed by TIM Nordeste and approximately 1,144 were employed by TIM Sul. The following tables set forth a breakdown of our employees at December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Y	ear ended I	December 3	1,
		(pro	
		forma)	
2002	2003	2003	2004

Total number of employees	1,015	958	1,981	2,190
Number of employees by category of activity				
Network	124	115	305	318
Sales and marketing	326	323	721	790
Information technology	69	63	127	103
Customer care	357	316	553	766
Support and other	139	141	275	213

All employees are represented by state labor unions associated with the Federação Nacional dos Trabalhadores em Telecomunicações [] Fenattehnd the Federação Interestadual dos Trabalhadores em Telecomunicações [] Fittebr the Sindicato dos Engenheiros do Estado do Paraná e Nordeste. We negotiate a new collective labor agreement every year with the local unions. The collective agreements currently in force expire on November 30, 2005. Management considers our relations with our work force to be satisfactory. We have not experienced a work stoppage that had a material effect on our operations.

### **Employee Benefit Plans**

Our employees at the time of the Breakup had the right to maintain their rights and benefits in the Telebrás Pension Plan, administered by Fundação Telebrás de Seguridade Social (Sistel (Sistel)), a multi-employer defined benefit plan that supplements government-provided retirement benefits. We make monthly contributions to the Telebrás Pension Plan equal to 13.5% of the salary of each employee covered by the defined benefit plans administered by Sistel. Each employee member also made a monthly contribution to Sistel based on age and salary. Members of the Telebrás Pension Plan qualified for full pension benefits after reaching age 57 provided they had been members of the Telebrás Pension Plan for at least ten uninterrupted years and have been affiliated with the social security system for at least 35 years. The Telebrás Pension Plan operated independently from us, and their assets and liabilities were fully segregated from ours; however, we were contingently liable for all of the unfunded obligations of the plan. Employees hired since the Privatization did not become members of the Telebrás Pension Plan, and we did not contribute to any defined benefit pension fund on behalf of such employees. See Note 29 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In January 2000, we and the other companies that formerly belonged to the Telebrás System agreed to divide the existing Telebrás Pension Plan into 15 separate plans, resulting in the creation of private plans for the current employees of each of the former members of the Telebrás System. These new private pension plans are still administered by Sistel and have retained the same terms and conditions of the Telebrás Pension Plan. The division served to allocate liability among the companies that formerly belonged to the Telebrás system according to each company contributions in respect of its own employees. Joint liability among the Telebrás Pension Plan sponsors will continue with respect to retired employees who will necessarily remain members of the Telebrás Pension Plan. See Note 29 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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During 2002, we created a new defined contribution pension plan ([TIMPREV]) that would bring us in line with current social security practices in the private sector and also allow for the migration of employees participating in our private plan created in 2000 ([the PBS Plan]). TIMPREV was approved by the Secretary of Complementary Pension on November 13, 2002 in Notification 1,917 CGAJ/SPC. TIMPREV sets forth new guidelines for the granting and maintenance of benefits and outlines new rights and obligations for Sistel, the plan administrator; sponsors; participants and their respective beneficiaries.

Migration from the PBS Plan to TIMPREV is optional. In order to encourage migration to TIMPREV, we offered bonuses to those employees migrating before January 29, 2003. As of December 31, 2004, more than 90% of the participants in our private plan had migrated to TIMPREV. Upon electing to migrate to TIMPREV, a participant extinguishes all rights to benefits under the PBS Plan.

As more employees participate in TIMPREV, we anticipate that the sponsor srisk to eventual actuarial deficit will decrease, consistent with the characteristics of typical defined contribution plans. Under the rules of defined contribution plans, the sponsor normally contributes 100% of the basic contribution of the participant. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the approved rules, the administrator of TIMPREV will ensure the benefits listed below:

- a regular retirement pension;
- an anticipated retirement pension;
- a disability pension;
- a deferred proportional benefit; and
- a death pension.

However, the administrator will not assume responsibility for granting any other benefit, even if social security officially grants it to its beneficiaries.

In accordance with Brazilian law, our employees also receive payments based on our financial performance. The amount of the payment is determined by negotiation between us and the unions representing our employees.

### Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

# **Major Shareholders**

Of the Holding Company stwo classes of capital stock outstanding, only the Common Shares have full voting rights. The following table sets forth ownership information with respect to all shareholders that, to our knowledge, own 5% of the Common Shares or more as of April 30, 2005. The Common Shares held by TIM Brasil have the same voting rights as the other Common Shares.

Name of owner	Thousands of Common Shares Owned  Common Shares	
TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A	144,673,203	53.41% *
All our officers and directors as a group <b>Total</b>	144,673,209	53.41%

<sup>\*</sup> Represents less than 1%.

TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. is a Brazilian subsidiary of a group controlled by Telecom Italia Mobile. Telecom Italia Mobile is part of a group whose parent company is Telecom Italia. See  $\Box$ Item 4. Information on the Company $\Box$ Organizational Structure. $\Box$ 

As of April 30, 2005, there were 300.2 billion Preferred Shares represented by ADSs. As of such date, the number of Preferred Shares represented by ADSs represented 66.9% of the total number of Preferred Shares outstanding and 41.7% of the total capital of the Holding Company.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

As of December 31, 2004, we did not owe to our affiliates any amounts arising out of outstanding inter-company loans. We had inter-company receivables and payables in amounts of R\$0.4 million and R\$2.9 million, respectively on December 31, 2004. See Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Guarantees by the Holding Company of Obligations of the Subsidiaries

The Holding Company is the guaranter of certain obligations of our subsidiaries. On September 22, 2000, Telpe Celular entered into a financing contract with the European Investment Bank, in the amount of US\$50 million, guaranteed by TND, which guarantee is now an obligation of TIM. The loan bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 0.15% per annum, is payable in semi-annual installments and matures in September 2005. The total amount of the subsidiaries outstanding indebtedness guaranteed by the Holding Company was R\$20.0 million at December 31, 2004. See Note 14 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In addition, the Holding Company is a guarantor of a promissory note issued by TIM Nordeste in the amount of R\$30 million. This promissory note was issued pursuant to a guarantee agreement between Banco Bradesco S.A., TIM Nordeste and TND, in which Banco Bradesco S.A. issued a letter of guarantee for the Credit Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2004, among TIM Nordeste, as borrower, and Banco do Nordeste do Brasil S.A., as lender, in the principal amount of R\$20 million . See □Item 10. Additional Information □ Material Contracts.□

Sharing of billing systems in connection with our GSM operations

In connection with our global management approach to the GSM national market, our billing systems are currently shared with TIM Brasil under mutual support relations. The global billing system supplier for TIM Brasil and TIM is Communications System Inc. LHS, a German company.

### **Item 8. Financial Information**

### **Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information**

See ☐Item 18. Financial Statements.☐

### **Legal Proceedings**

We are subject to various claims, legal and labor proceedings covering a wide range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of business activities. We adopted a policy of analyzing each such proceeding and making a judgment as to whether a loss in relation to such proceeding is probable, possible or remote. We make accruals for legal proceedings that we are party to when we determine that losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Our judgment is always based on the opinion of our legal advisors. Accrual balances are adjusted to account for changes in circumstances for ongoing matters and the establishment of additional accruals for new matters. While we believe that the current level of accruals is adequate, changes in the future could impact these determinations.

Anatel Administrative Proceedings

In December 2004, Anatel initiated administrative proceedings against TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste for non-compliance with certain of our quality of service obligations under the PCS authorizations in the years 2003 and 2004. We have submitted to Anatel a petition explaining that the non-compliance with certain quality standards was due mainly to the migration from the SMC regime to the PCS regime, the change in the

long-distance calling system as well as the overlay of the GSM network. These changes resulted in an out of the ordinary number of calls to the customers service number. We believe that we have since complied with Anatels quality standards and that customer satisfaction has improved. We cannot predict the outcome of the

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Anatel proceedings at this time but we do not believe that an unfavorable outcome will cause a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Litigation Related to the Conversion of Our Concessions into Authorizations

In January 2003, a type of class action ( $\square a c a o$  popular ) was brought by an individual against Anatel and all the companies controlled by Telecom Italia Mobile in Brazil, including us. The claim sought to suspend the effects of *Resolução* 318, of September 27, 2002, and other acts by Anatel, including Authorizations PVCP/SPV nos. 001/2002 to 011/2002, published on December 12, 2002, which authorized us to migrate from the SMC regime to the PCS regime.

The action specifically challenged the omission of provisions regulating the return of the assets ([bens reversíveis[]) used by us in connection with the provision of telecommunication services by the time of the expiration of the Authorizations. By reason of such omission, argues the claimant, the Federal Government would suffer irreparable damage and, therefore, the Anatel acts allowing the migration from the SMC to PCS should be declared null and void.

We have challenged this action vigorously, and after some preliminary decisions by lower courts ( $[medidas\ liminares[])$ ), we have obtained a unanimous decision from the Regional Federal Court of Appeals( $[Tribunal\ Regional\ Federal[])$ ) permitting the migration from SMC into PCS, reserving discussion about the return of the assets to the Federal Government for a later date.

We believe that migration from the SMC regime to the PCS regime, and the related acts by Anatel, will not be suspended or modified. We expect proceedings relating to the return ( $[revers\~ao]$ ) to the Federal Government of our assets used in connection with the provision of telecommunication services to continue. In 2003, Anatel and the Federal Government informed the Court that Authorizations PVCP/SVP nos. 001/2002 to 011/2002 are valid and should not be voided by the Court.

Litigation Related to the Application of PIS and COFINS

In 2001, 2002 and 2004, the Federal Government ([Ministério Público Federal[]) filed lawsuits to prevent TIM Sul (formerly Telepar Celular and Telesc Celular), Teleceará Celular and Telpe Celular from passing along to their respective customers costs regarding PIS and COFINS. See [Item 4. Information on the Company[]Taxes on Telecommunications Goods and Services.[] The Federal Government ([Ministério Público Federal[]) also claimed that these entities should compensate their customers for these charges by paying each of them an amount equal to double the amount that was individually paid.

In March 2004, a decision favorable to Telpe Celular, now TIM Nordeste, was rendered by the Court, denying the claims of the Federal Government. Nonetheless, we are unable to predict the final outcome of these lawsuits. We are also unable to predict whether an unfavorable decision would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

Litigation Related to the Application of ICMS

In June 1998, the governments of the individual Brazilian States agreed to interpret existing Brazilian tax law to apply ICMS in respect of certain revenues, including cellular activation fees and monthly subscription charges, that had not previously been subject to such taxes. Under Brazilian law, there is a risk that the state governments could seek to apply this interpretation retroactively to activation and subscription fees charged during the five years preceding June 30, 1998. Our management believes that the attempt by the state governments to extend the scope of ICMS to services that are supplementary to basic telecommunications services is unlawful because:

- the state governments acted beyond the scope of their authority;
- their interpretation would subject to taxation certain revenues, particularly activation fees, that are not considered to be payments for telecommunications services; and
- new taxes may not be applied retroactively.

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We are currently relieved from the payment of the ICMS tax on activation fees during the pendency of the lawsuits. In view of the suspension of our activation fees in November 1998, management does not believe that application of ICMS to activation fees on a prospective basis will have a material impact on our results of operations.

It should be noted that few decisions issued by higher courts have addressed this issue. However, a recent decision with respect to another cellular service provider operating in another region indicates that ICMS may not be applicable to cellular activation fees. To date, there have been two second level decisions favorable to the Company addressing the fact that certain revenues, including cellular activation fees and monthly subscription charges are not subject to ICMS tax.

Litigation Related to the Use of the Goodwill Arising Out of the Breakup of Telebrás

On April 4, 2002, a Congressman filed a lawsuit in federal court in Brasília, Federal District, against a number of governmental telecommunication entities and the New Holding Companies. The purpose of the lawsuit is to prevent the New Holding Companies from using the amortization of the goodwill paid by the New Holding Companies to the Brazilian government in the Breakup of Telebrás to generate tax benefits.

Even though we are unable to predict the final outcome of this lawsuit, we believe that a ruling favorable to the plaintiff is unlikely. Accordingly, we have not created a reserve in connection with this litigation. If an unfavorable ruling is issued against us, we will lose the tax benefit derived from the premiums paid, and our tax liability will increase. We believe that an unfavorable decision would not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

Litigation Arising Out of Events Prior to the Breakup of Telebrás

Telebrás and the Predecessor Companies, the legal predecessors of the Holding Company and the Subsidiaries, respectively, are defendants in a number of legal proceedings and subject to certain other claims and contingencies. Liability for any claims arising out of acts committed by the Predecessor Companies prior to the effective date of the spin-off of the cellular assets and liabilities of the Predecessor Companies to the Subsidiaries remains with the Predecessor Companies, except for those liabilities for which specific accounting provisions were assigned to the Subsidiaries. Any claims against the Predecessor Companies that are not satisfied by the Predecessor Companies could result in claims against the Subsidiaries, to the extent that the Subsidiaries have received assets that might have been used to settle such claims had such assets not been spun

off from the Predecessor Companies.

Under the terms of the Breakup of the Telebrás system, liability for any claims arising out of acts committed by Telebrás prior to the effective date of the Breakup remains with Telebrás, except for labor and tax claims (for which Telebrás and the New Holding Companies are jointly and severally liable by operation of law) and any liability for which specific accounting provisions were assigned to the Holding Company or one of the other New Holding Companies. Our management believes that the chances of claims of this nature materializing and having a material adverse financial effect on us are remote.

### State of Santa Catarina ICMS tax charges

Approximately 20 infraction notices have been issued by the State of Santa Catarina against TIM Sul regarding the payment of ICMS tax arising out of various services rendered, including international telecommunication services rendered by Telesc Celular from April 1998 to January 2000 and activation and other fees charged by Telesc Celular from April 1998 to August 2003. Based on reports we received from our legal counsel, we do not believe ICMS tax should be paid in such circumstances, and we intend to vigorously litigate this charge by the State of Santa Catarina. The total amount of such charges in December 2003 was R\$ 27.1 million, and in December 2004, R\$ 73.8 million, totaling R\$100.9 million. We have created a provision in the amount of R\$3.8 million with respect to such charges.

### Other Litigation

We are a party to certain legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. Most of these legal proceedings may be divided into two main categories: consumer protection claims and labor law claims.

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The most common issue raised by claimants in the consumer protection cases against us is allegedly incorrect charges imposed by us as well as defects on cellular handsets we sell. Most labor law claims against us have been brought by former employees for alleged infringement of labor laws during the duration of their employment contracts with us. As of December 31, 2004, we were a party to approximately 5,409 consumer protection claims and 358 labor law claims. We believe that such actions, if decided adversely to us, would not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **Dividend Policy**

Under our by-laws, we are required to distribute 25% of our adjusted net income to our shareholders, either as dividends or as tax-deductible interest on net worth. We are also required to pay a non-cumulative preferred dividend on our Preferred Shares in an amount equal to the greater of:

- 6% of our capital (*□capital social □*) divided by the total number of Common and Preferred Sharænd
- 3% of our net shareholders equity ([patrimônio líquido]), according to the most recent financial tements approved by our shareholders.

To the extent there are additional distributable profits, the Holding Company is also required to distribute to all shareholders an amount equal to at least 25% of adjusted net income (the [General Dividend]) determined in accordance with the Corporate Law Method, including any realization of the unrealized net income reserve. The amount of General Dividend, if any, payable by us to the holders of Preferred Shares is offset by the amount of Preferred Dividend paid to such preferred shareholders.

As a result of these provisions, holders of our Preferred Shares are entitled to receive in any year distributions of cash dividends prior to the holders of our Common Shares receiving any distribution of cash dividends in such year. In addition, distributions of cash dividends in any year are made:

- first, to the holders of Preferred Shares, up to the amount of the dividend that must be paid to the holders of Preferred Shares for such year;
- then, to the holders of Common Shares, until the amount distributed in respect of each Common Share is equal to the amount distributed in respect of each Preferred Share; and
- thereafter, to the holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares on a pro rata basis.

If the dividend to be paid to the holders of Preferred Shares is not paid for a period of three years, holders of Preferred Shares will be entitled to full voting rights until such time as that dividend is paid in full for any year.

The Holding Company may also make additional distributions to the extent of available distributable profits and reserves. TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste are also subject to mandatory distribution requirements and, to the extent of distributable profits and reserves, are accordingly required to pay dividends to the minority shareholders as well as to the Holding Company. All of the aforementioned distributions may be made as dividends or as tax-deductible interest on capital.

Brazilian corporations may make payments to shareholders characterized as interest on the corporation capital (juros sobre capital próprio) as an alternative form of making dividend distributions to the shareholders. The rate of interest may not be higher than the Federal Government long-term interest rate as determined by the Brazilian Development Bank - BNDES from time to time. Dividends are not subject to withholding income tax when paid, nor to corporate income tax or individual income tax with respect to the person receiving the dividend. On the other hand, interest on capital paid to shareholders is deductible from the corporation set profits for tax purposes, but the recipient of such distributions is subject to corporate or individual income tax with respect to such payments. See [Item 10. Additional Information | Taxation | Brazilian Tax Considerations | Distributions of Interest on Capital.

For the purposes of Brazilian Corporate Law, and in accordance with our by-laws, adjusted net income is an amount equal to net profit adjusted to reflect allocations to and from:

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- the legal reserve; and
- contingency reserves.

We are required to maintain a legal reserve, to which we must allocate 5% of net profits for each fiscal year until the amount for such reserve equals 20% of our capital. However, we are not required to make any allocations to our legal reserve in respect of any fiscal year in which our legal reserve, together with our other capital reserves, exceeds 30% of our capital. Net losses, if any, may be charged against the legal reserve. On December 31, 2004, the balance of our legal reserve was R\$77.0 million, which was equal to 9% of our total capital.

Brazilian Corporate Law also provides for two discretionary allocations of net profits that are subject to approval by the shareholders at the annual meeting. First, a percentage of net profits may be allocated to a contingency reserve for anticipated losses that are deemed probable in future years. Any amount so allocated in a prior year must be either reversed in the fiscal year in which the loss was anticipated if such loss does not in fact occur, or written off in the event that the anticipated loss occurs. Second, if the mandatory distributable amount exceeds the sum of realized net profits in a given year, such excess may be allocated to unrealized revenue reserve. Under Brazilian Corporate Law, realized net profits is defined as the amount of net profits that exceeds the net positive result of equity adjustments and profits or revenues from operations with financial results after the end of the next succeeding fiscal year.

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, any company may, as a term in its by-laws, create a discretionary reserve. By-laws which authorize the allocation of a percentage of a company s net income to the discretionary reserve must also indicate the purpose, criteria for allocation and a maximum amount of the reserve.

We may also allocate a portion of our net profits for discretionary appropriations for plant expansion and other capital investment projects, the amount of which would be based on a capital budget previously presented by our management and approved by shareholders. Under Brazilian Corporate Law, capital budgets covering more than one year must be reviewed at each annual shareholders meeting. After completion of the relevant capital projects, we may retain the appropriation until the shareholders vote to transfer all or a portion of the reserve to capital or retained earnings. On December 31, 2004, in accordance with our by-laws, we had an income reserve for expansion of R\$799.5 million.

The amounts available for distribution may be further increased by a reversion of the contingency reserve for anticipated losses constituted in prior years but not realized. The amounts available for distribution are determined on the basis of financial statements prepared in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law Method.

The legal reserve is subject to approval by the shareholders voting at the annual meeting and may be transferred to capital but is not available for the payment of dividends in subsequent years. Our calculation of net profits and allocations to reserves for any fiscal year are determined on the basis of financial statements prepared in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law.

Remaining amounts to be distributed are allocated first to the payment of a dividend to holders of Common Shares in an amount equal to the dividend paid to the preferred shareholders. The remainder is distributed equally among holders of Preferred Shares and Common Shares.

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, a company is permitted to suspend the mandatory dividend in respect of Common Shares and Preferred Shares not entitled to a fixed or minimum dividend if:

- its management (board of directors and board of executive officers) and fiscal committee report to the shareholders meeting that the distribution would be incompatible with the financiabircumstances of that company; and
- the shareholders ratify this conclusion at the shareholder\(\sigma\) s meeting.

In this case,

- the management must forward to the Brazilian securities commission within five days of the shareholders meeting an explanation justifying the information transmitted at the meeting; and
- the profits which were not distributed are to be recorded as a special reserve and, if not absorbed by losses in subsequent fiscal years, are to be paid as dividends as soon as the financial situation permits.

Our Preferred Shares are each entitled to a minimum dividend and thus the mandatory dividend may be suspended only with respect to our Common Shares. Dividends may be paid by us out of retained earnings or accumulated profits in any given fiscal year.

For the purposes of Brazilian Corporate Law, accumulated profits are defined as net income after income tax and social contribution for such fiscal year, net of any accumulated losses from prior fiscal years and any amounts allocated to warrants and employees and management participation in a company profits.

### **Payment of Dividends**

We are required by law and by our by-laws to hold an annual shareholders meeting by April 30 of each year, at which, among other things, an annual dividend may be declared by decision of our shareholders on the recommendation of our executive officers, as approved by our Board of Directors. The payment of annual dividends is based on the financial statements prepared for the fiscal year ending December 31. Under Brazilian Corporate Law, dividends are required to be paid within 60 days following the date the dividend is declared to shareholders of record on such declaration date, unless a shareholders resolution sets forth another date of payment, which in any event shall occur prior to the end of the fiscal year in which such dividend was declared.

A shareholder has a three-year period from the dividend payment date to claim dividends in respect of its shares, after which we have no liability for such payment. Because our shares are issued in book-entry form, dividends with respect to any share are credited to the account holding such share. We are not required to adjust the amount of paid-in capital for inflation. Annual dividends may be paid to shareholders on a pro rata basis according to the date when the subscription price is paid to us.

Our Preferred Shares underlying the ADSs are held in Brazil by a Brazilian custodian, Banco Itaú S.A., as the agent for the Depositary, JPMorgan Chase Bank, which is the registered owner of our shares. Payments of cash dividends and distributions in respect of the ADRs, if any, will be made in Brazilian currency to the custodian on behalf of the Depositary which will then convert those proceeds into dollars and will cause such dollars to be delivered to the Depositary for distribution to holders of ADRs. In the event that the custodian is unable to immediately convert the Brazilian currency received as dividends into dollars, the amount of dollars payable to holders of ADRs may be adversely affected by devaluations of the Brazilian currency that occur before such dividends are converted and remitted. Dividends in respect of our Preferred Shares paid to resident and non-resident shareholders, including holders of ADSs, are not currently subject to Brazilian withholding tax.

#### **Significant Changes**

No significant change has occurred since December 31, 2004, the date of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Item 9. The Offer and Listing

### **Price History of the Preferred Shares and ADSs**

The principal trading market for the Preferred Shares is the *Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo* (the [Bovespa]). Until January 2000, the Shares were also traded on the *Bolsa de Valores do Rio de Janeiro* (the [Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange]) and the seven other Brazilian stock exchanges. In January 2000, the nine Brazilian stock exchanges entered into an agreement pursuant to which trading of the Preferred Shares was concentrated on the Bovespa. See [Markets]Trading on the Brazilian Stock Exchanges. At December 31, 2004, the Holding Company had 437.7 billion Preferred Shares and 264.8 billion Common Shares outstanding.

The Preferred Shares commenced trading separately from any other security on the Brazilian stock exchanges on September 21, 1998. The following table sets forth the reported high and low closing sale prices for the Preferred Shares on the Bovespa for the periods indicated.

<i>Reais</i> per
1,000 Preferred Shares

	Low	High
2000		
First quarter	5.40	11.90
Second quarter	4.80	8.75
Third quarter	5.21	8.80
Fourth quarter	3.93	5.85
2001		
First quarter	3.68	5.89
Second quarter	3.89	5.43
Third quarter	2.35	4.70
Fourth quarter	2.64	4.02
2002		
First quarter	3.01	3.87
Second quarter	2.67	3.17
Third quarter	2.42	3.38
Fourth quarter	2.29	3.02
2003		
First quarter	2.09	2.97
Second quarter	2.28	2.82
Third quarter	2.06	3.00
Fourth quarter	2.84	4.34
2004		
First quarter	3.51	4.47
Second quarter	3.46	4.80
Third quarter	3.40	4.05

Fourth quarter	3.91	4.40
Last Six Months		
December 2004	4.00	4.40
January 2005	3.20	4.04
February 2005	3.70	4.31
March 2005	3.87	4.62
April 2005	3.72	4.12
May 2005	3.77	3.99
June 2005 (through June 28, 2005)	3.74	4.04

The Preferred Shares traded in the United States on the NYSE are represented by ADSs, each representing 10,000 Preferred Shares. The ADSs are issued by JPMorgan Chase Bank (the <code>Depositary</code> or <code>JPMorgan</code>, pursuant to a Deposit Agreement among the Holding Company, the Depositary and the registered holders and beneficial owners from time to time of ADRs. See <code>Item 10</code>. Additional <code>Information</code>Material Contracts. The Holding Company ADSs commenced trading separately on the NYSE on November 16, 1998 under the symbol <code>TSU.</code>

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The following table sets forth the reported high and low closing sales prices for our ADSs on the NYSE for the periods indicated.

	U.S. dol our	
	Low	High
2000		
First quarter	29.56	68.62
Second quarter	25.63	50.87
Third quarter	27.38	49.31
Fourth quarter	20.00	31.75
2001		
First quarter	16.50	29.49
Second quarter	17.25	22.44
Third quarter	9.69	19.50
Fourth quarter	9.50	17.05
2002		
First quarter	12.64	16.81
Second quarter	9.36	13.56

Third quarter Fourth quarter	6.48 5.90	11.95 8.55
2003		
First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter	5.80 7.06 6.64 10.00	9.02 9.70 10.28 14.73
2004		
First quarter Second quarter Third quarter Fourth quarter	11.98 11.10 11.29 13.77	16.15 16.71 14.27 15.97
Last Six Months		
December 2004 January 2005 February 2005 March 2005 April 2005 May 2005 June 2005 (through June 28, 2005) Markets	14.74 12.11 14.45 14.27 14.05 15.15 15.26	15.97 15.01 16.80 17.05 15.80 16.08 16.80

Trading on the Brazilian Stock Exchanges

The Bovespa is the only Brazilian Stock Exchange on which equity and debt securities issued by Brazilian companies are traded. The exclusive trading of such securities on the Bovespa is the result of several memoranda of understanding entered into by the Bovespa and the other Brazilian stock exchanges. The Rio de

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Janeiro stock exchange is now exclusively responsible for the electronic trading of public debt securities and for privatization auctions.

Each Brazilian stock exchange is a nonprofit entity owned by its member brokerage firms. Trading on the Bovespa is limited to member brokerage firms and a limited number of authorized nonmembers. The Bovespa has two open outcry trading sessions each day, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., except during daylight savings time in the United States. During daylight savings time in the United States, the sessions are from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., to closely mirror NYSE trading hours. Trading is also conducted between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. during daylight savings time in the United States, on an automated system known as the Computer Assisted Trading System (Sistema de Negociação Assistida por Computador) on the Bovespa and on the National Electronic Trading System (Sistema

Eletrônico de Negociação Nacional). These systems are computerized systems that link electronically with the seven smaller regional exchanges. The Bovespa also permits trading from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on an online system connected to traditional and Internet brokers called the  $\square$ after market.  $\square$  Trading on the after market is subject to regulatory limits on price volatility and on the volume of shares transacted through Internet brokers. There are no specialists or market makers for the Holding Company  $\square$ s shares on the Bovespa.

In order to better control volatility, Bovespa adopted a  $\$ circuit breaker $\$ system pursuant to which trading sessions may be suspended for a period of 30 minutes or one hour whenever the indexes of these stock exchanges fall below 10% or 15%, respectively, in relation to the index registered in the previous trading session.

Settlement of transactions is effected three business days after the trade date without adjustment of the purchase price for inflation. Delivery of and payment for shares are made through the facilities of the clearinghouse, or *Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custodia* [] *CBLC*, which maintains accounts for member brokerage firms. The seller is ordinarily required to deliver the shares to the exchange on the second business day following the trade date.

The Bovespa is significantly less liquid than the NYSE or other major exchanges in the world. On May 30, 2005, the aggregate market capitalization of the 385 companies listed on Bovespa was approximately R\$854.0 billion, and the 10 largest companies listed on Bovespa accounted for approximately 36.4% of the total value of market transactions. By comparison, as of December 31, 2004, the aggregate market capitalization of the 2,768 companies listed on the NYSE was approximately US\$12.8 trillion, and the 10 largest companies listed on the NYSE represented approximately 19.5% of the total market capitalization of all listed companies. Although all the outstanding shares of a listed company may trade on a Brazilian stock exchange, in most cases less than half of the listed shares are actually available for trading by the public, the remainder being held by small groups of controlling persons, by governmental entities or by one principal shareholder. For this reason, data showing the total market capitalization of Brazilian stock exchanges tend to overstate the liquidity of the Brazilian equity securities market.

Trading on Brazilian stock exchanges by a holder not deemed to be domiciled in Brazil, for Brazilian tax and regulatory purposes (a <code>[non-Brazilian</code> holder]), is subject to certain limitations under Brazilian foreign investment legislation. With limited exceptions, non-Brazilian holders may only trade on Brazilian stock exchanges in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 2,689, of January 26, 2000, of the National Monetary Council (<code>[Conselho Monetário Nacional[]</code>). Resolution No. 2,689 requires that securities held by non-Brazilian holders be maintained in the custody of, or in deposit accounts with, financial institutions and be registered with a clearinghouse duly authorized by the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM. In addition, Resolution No. 2,689 requires non-Brazilian holders to restrict their securities trading to transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges or qualified over-the-counter markets. With limited exceptions, non-Brazilian holders may not transfer the ownership of investments made under Resolution No. 2,689 to other non-Brazilian holders through a private transaction. See <code>[[Taxation[Brazilian Tax Considerations[]]</code> for a description of certain tax benefits extended to non-Brazilian holders who qualify under Resolution No. 2,689.

Differentiated Levels of Corporate Governance and the New Market

In order to increase the transparency of the Brazilian capital markets and protect minority shareholders rights, the Bovespa has implemented, among others, two new initiatives:

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• a classification system referred to as [Differentiated Levels of Corporate Governance] applicable the companies already listed on the Bovespa, and

• a new separate listing segment for qualifying issuers referred to as the ∏New Market. ☐

The Differentiated Levels of Corporate Governance, Level 1 and Level 2, are applicable to listed companies that voluntarily comply with special disclosure and corporate governance practices established by the Bovespa. The companies may be classified into two different levels, depending on their degree of adherence to the Bovespa\[]s practices of disclosure and corporate governance.

To become a Level 1 company, an issuer must voluntarily satisfy, in addition to the obligations imposed by Brazilian law, the following requirements:

- ensure that shares amounting to at least 25% of its capital are outstanding and available for trading in the market:
- adopt procedures that favor the dispersion of shares into the market whenever making a public offering;
- comply with minimum quarterly disclosure standards;
- follow stricter disclosure policies with respect to transactions with controlling shareholders, directors and officers involving the issuer\(\partial\) s securities;
- submit any existing shareholders agreements and stock option plans to the Bovespa; and
- make a schedule of corporate events available to the shareholders.

The Holding Company is currently considering complying with these requirements for Level 1 of Corporate Governance.

To become a Level 2 company, an issuer must, in addition to satisfying the Level 1 criteria and the obligations imposed by Brazilian law, satisfy the following requirements:

- require all directors to serve unstaggered one-year terms;
- prepare and publish annual financial statements in English and in accordance with U.S. GAAP or IAS GAAP;
- create tag-along rights for minority shareholders, ensuring holders of common shares of the right to sell on the same terms as a controlling shareholder, and ensuring preferred shareholders a price equal to at least 70% of that received by the selling controlling shareholder;
- grant preferred shareholders the right to vote in certain cases, including, without limitation, the transformation, spin-off or merger of the company, and approval of agreements with related parties;
- make a tender offer for all outstanding shares, for a price equal to fair market value, in the event of delisting from Level 2 qualification; and
- agree to submit any disputes between the company and its investors exclusively to the Bovespa Market Arbitration Chamber.

The New Market is a separate listing segment for the trading of shares issued by companies that voluntarily adopt certain additional corporate governance practices and disclosure requirements which are more demanding than those required by the current law in Brazil. Companies may qualify to have their shares traded in the New Market, if, in addition to complying with the Level 2 corporate governance practices referred to above, their capital stock consists only of voting common shares.

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### Bovespa Market Administration Panel

Pursuant to Law No. 9,307/96, a Market Arbitration Panel (the [Panel]) has been established by the Bovespa. The Panel was established to settle certain types of disputes, including disputes relating to corporate governance, securities issues, financial regulatory issues and other capital market matters, with respect to Bovespa listed companies that have undertaken to voluntarily comply with Level 2 and New Market levels of corporate governance and disclosure. The Panel will provide a forum for dispute resolution to, among others, the Bovespa, the applicable listed company and the shareholders, directors and management of the applicable listed company.

### Regulation of Brazilian Securities Markets

The Brazilian securities markets are regulated by the CVM, which has regulatory authority over the stock exchanges and securities markets, as well as by the Central Bank, which has, among other powers, licensing authority over brokerage firms and regulates foreign investment and foreign exchange transactions. The Brazilian securities markets are governed by Law No. 10,198 dated February 14, 2001, Law No. 10,303 dated October 31, 2001, known as Law No. 10,303, and Law No. 10,411 dated February 26, 2002, which introduced new concepts and several changes to Law No. 6,385 dated December 7, 1976, as amended and supplemented, the principal law governing the Brazilian securities markets, by Brazilian corporation law, and by regulations issued by the CVM, the National Monetary Council (\(\pi\CMN\Pi\)) and the Central Bank. These laws and regulations, among others, provide for disclosure requirements applicable to issuers of traded securities, protection of minority shareholders and criminal penalties for insider trading and price manipulation. They also provide for licensing and oversight of brokerage firms and governance of the Brazilian stock exchanges. Nevertheless, the Brazilian securities markets are not as highly regulated and supervised as the U.S. securities markets. Under the Brazilian Corporate Law, a company is either public, a companhia aberta, like us, or private, a companhia fechada. All public companies, including us, are registered with the CVM and are subject to reporting requirements. A company registered with the CVM may have its securities traded on the Bovespa or in the Brazilian over-the-counter market. The shares of a public company may also be traded privately, subject to certain limitations. To be listed on the Bovespa, a company must apply for registration with the CVM and the Bovespa.

Trading in securities on the Bovespa may be suspended at the request of a company in anticipation of a material announcement. Trading may also be suspended on the initiative of Bovespa or the CVM, among other reasons, based on or due to a belief that a company has provided inadequate information regarding a material event or has provided inadequate responses to inquiries by the CVM or the Bovespa.

The Brazilian over-the-counter market consists of direct trades between individuals in which a financial institution registered with CVM serves as intermediary. Generally, no special application, other than registration with the CVM is necessary for securities of a public company to be traded in this market. The CVM requires that it be given notice of all trades carried out in the Brazilian over-the-counter market by the respective financial institution intermediary.

Trading on Bovespa by non-residents of Brazil is subject to limitations under Brazilian foreign investment and tax legislation. The Brazilian custodian for our Preferred Shares on behalf of the Depositary for the ADSs, has obtained registration from the Central Bank of Brazil to remit U.S. dollars abroad for payments of dividends, any other cash distributions, or upon the disposition of the shares and sales proceeds thereto. In the event that a holder of ADSs exchanges Preferred Shares for ADSs, the holder will be entitled to continue to rely on the custodian registration for five business days after the exchange. Thereafter, the holder may not be able to obtain and remit U.S. dollars abroad upon the disposition of our Preferred Shares or upon distributions relating to our Preferred Shares, unless the holder obtains a new registration. See Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum

and Articles of Associations. □

Brazilian regulations also require that any person or group of persons representing the same interest that has directly or indirectly acquired an interest corresponding to 5% of a type or class of shares of a publicly traded company shall disclose its share ownership to the CVM and stock exchanges. In addition, a statement containing the required information shall be published in appropriate Brazilian newspapers. Regulations also require disclosure of any subsequent increase or decrease of five percent or more in ownership of common shares, including warrants and debentures convertible into common shares.

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#### Item 10. Additional Information

### **Memorandum and Articles of Association**

The following summarizes certain material provisions of TIM\[]s by-laws and the Brazilian Corporate Law, the main bodies of regulation governing us. Copies of TIM\[]s by-laws have been filed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 20-F. Except as described in this section, TIM\[]s by-laws do not contain provisions addressing the duties, authority or liabilities of the directors and senior management, which are instead established by Brazilian Corporate Law.

#### Registration

TIM□s by-laws have been registered with the Public Registry of the state of Paraná under company number (NIRE) 4130001760-3

#### **Corporate Purpose**

Article 2 of the by-laws provides that our main corporate purpose is to exercise control over operating companies that provide mobile telephone and other services in the Regions, as established by Anatel regulations. Other corporate purposes include:

- promote, through our controlled or affiliated companies, the expansion of mobile telephone services in their respective concession areas;
- procure funding from internal or external sources;
- promote and foster study and research for the development of mobile telephone services;
- perform, through our controlled or affiliated companies, specialized technical services related to the mobile telephone industry;
- promote and coordinate, through our controlled or affiliated companies, the education and training of the staff required by the telephone services;
- effect or order the importation of goods and services for our controlled and affiliated companies; and
- hold interests in other companies.

#### **Directors**

Following is a description of some of the provisions of our by-laws concerning members of the Board of Directors:

- Pursuant to Art. 23, paragraph XV, the Board of Directors has the power to approve loans, financing and lease agreements, as well as to issue promissory notes, for an amount exceeding 2% of the shareholders equity;
- Pursuant to Art. 23, paragraph XXIII, the Board of Directors has the power to allocate the total budget for management remuneration approved by the shareholders meeting among the Directors and the Executive Officers; and
- Pursuant to Art. 25, a member of the Board of Directors is not authorized to access information or to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors regarding subjects or proposals in respect of which such Director has a material interest.

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Pursuant to the Brazilian Corporate Law, each member of the Board of Directors must have at least one share of our capital stock in order to qualify to be a Director. There are no provisions in the by-laws with respect to:

- a director\s power to vote compensation to him or herself in the absence of an independent uorum;
- borrowing powers exercisable by the directors;
- age limits for retirement of directors;
- required shareholding for director qualification;
- anti-takeover mechanisms or other procedures designed to delay, defer or prevent changes in our control;
   or
- disclosure of share ownership.

### **Rights Relating to our Shares**

Dividend Rights

See □Item 8. Financial Information□Dividend Policy.□

Voting Rights

Each Common Share entitles the holder to one vote at meetings of shareholders. Our Preferred Shares do not entitle the holder to vote except as set forth below. Holders of our Preferred Shares are each entitled to attend or to address meetings of shareholders.

One of the members of our Fiscal Committee and his or her alternate may be elected by majority vote of the holders of our Preferred Shares represented at the annual meeting of shareholders at which members of the Fiscal Committee are elected.

Brazilian Corporate Law provides that certain non-voting shares, such as our Preferred Shares, acquire voting rights in the event we fail for three consecutive fiscal years to pay the dividend to which such shares are entitled until such payment is made.

Our Preferred Shares are entitled to full voting rights with respect to:

- the approval of any long-term contract between the Holding Company, TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste, on the one hand, and any controlling shareholder or affiliates or related parties thereof, on the other hand, except in certain cases involving standard contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business; and
- resolutions modifying certain provisions of our by-laws.

Any change in the preference, benefits, conditions of redemption and amortization of our Preferred Shares, or the creation of a class of shares having priority or preference over our Preferred Shares, would require the approval of holders of a majority of our outstanding Preferred Shares at a special meeting of holders of our Preferred Shares. Such a meeting would be called by publication of a notice in three Brazilian official gazettes at least thirty days prior to the meeting but would not generally require any other form of notice. In any circumstances in which holders of our Preferred Shares are entitled to vote, each of our Preferred Shares will entitle the holder to one vote.

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### Meeting of Shareholders

According to Brazilian law, shareholders must be previously notified through a notice published in three Brazilian official gazettes in order for a general or extraordinary shareholders meeting to be held. The notification must occur at least 15 days prior to the meeting scheduled date. If the first meeting is not held for any reason on first notice, a second notification must be published at least eight days before the second meeting date.

On the first notice, meetings may be held only if shareholders holding at least one-fourth of voting shares are represented. Extraordinary meetings for the amendment of the by-laws may be held on the first notice only if shareholders holding at least two thirds of the voting capital are represented. On a second call, the meetings are held regardless of quorum.

#### Preemptive Rights

Each of our shareholders has a general preemptive right to subscribe for shares in any capital increase, in proportion to its shareholding. A minimum period of 30 days following the publication of notice of the capital increase is allowed for the exercise of the right, and the right is transferable.

However, a shareholders meeting is authorized to eliminate preemptive rights with respect to the issuance of new shares, debentures and warrants convertible into new shares up to the limit of the authorized share capital, provided that the distribution of these securities is effected:

- on a stock exchange;
- in a public offering;
- through an exchange of shares in a public offering the purpose of which is to acquire control of another company; or
- through the use of certain tax incentives.

In the event of a capital increase that would maintain or increase the proportion of capital represented by the Preferred Shares, holders of the ADSs, or of the Preferred Shares, would have preemptive rights to subscribe only to newly issued Preferred Shares. In the event of a capital increase that would reduce the proportion of capital represented by the Preferred Shares, holders of the ADSs or the Preferred Shares would have preemptive rights to subscribe to Preferred Shares in proportion to their shareholdings and to the Common Shares only to the extent necessary to prevent dilution of their interest in the Holding Company.

Preemptive rights to purchase shares may not be offered to U.S. holders of the ADSs unless a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 is effective with respect to the shares underlying those rights, or an exemption form the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 is available. Consequently, if you are a holder of our ADSs who is a U.S. person or is located in the United States, you may be restricted in your ability to participate in the exercise of preemptive rights.

### Right of Redemption

Subject to certain exceptions, the Common Shares and the Preferred Shares are redeemable by shareholders exercising dissenter swithdrawal rights in the event that shareholders representing over 50% of the voting shares adopt a resolution at a duly convened shareholders meeting to:

- change the preference of our Preferred Shares or to create a class of shares having priority or preference over our Preferred Shares:
- reduce the mandatory distribution of dividends;
- change our corporate purpose;

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- participate in group of companies;
- transfer all of our shares to another company in order to make us a wholly-owned subsidiary of that company;
- split up, subject to the conditions set forth by Brazilian Corporate Law;
- change corporate form;

- approve the acquisition of another company, the price of which exceeds certain limits set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law; or
- merge or consolidate ourselves with another company.

The redemption right expires 30 days after publication of the minutes of the relevant shareholders ☐ meeting or, whenever the resolution requires the approval of the holders of Preferred Shares in a special meeting of the holders of Preferred Shares affected by the resolution, within 30 days following the publication of the minutes of that special meeting. The shareholders would be entitled to reconsider any action giving rise to redemption rights within 10 days following the expiration of those rights if they determine that the redemption of shares of dissenting shareholders would jeopardize our financial stability.

The rights of withdrawal under Brazilian Corporate Law for dissenting shareholders to seek redemption of the shares in the case of a company securior decision to participate in a group of companies or to merge or consolidate itself with another company are not automatically available to holders of our Preferred Shares. This results from an exception under Brazilian Corporate Law that excludes dissenters rights in such cases for holders of shares that have a public float rate higher than 50% and that are siquid. Shares are defined as being siquid for these purposes if they form part of the Bovespa Index or another stock exchange index (as defined by the CVM). Our Preferred Shares are currently included on the Bovespa Index. For as long as our shares are part of any qualifying market index, the right of redemption shall not be extended to our shareholders with respect to decisions regarding our merger or consolidation with another company, or the participation in a group of companies as defined by Brazilian Corporate Law.

Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, which is not the case with us, a shareholder exercising rights to redeem shares is entitled to receive the book value of such shares, determined on the basis of the last annual balance sheet approved by the shareholders. If the shareholders meeting giving rise to redemption rights occurs more than 60 days after the date of the last annual balance sheet, a shareholder may demand that its shares be valued on the basis of a new balance sheet that is as of a date within 60 days of such shareholders meeting.

#### Form and Transfer

Our shares are maintained in book-entry form with a transfer agent, Banco ABN AMRO Real S.A., and the transfer of our shares is made in accordance with the applicable provision of the Brazilian Corporate Law, which provides that a transfer of shares is effected by an entry made by the transfer agent on its books, debiting the share account of the seller and crediting the share account of the purchaser, against presentation of a written order of the seller, or judicial authorization or order, in an appropriate document which remains in the possession of the transfer agent. The Preferred Shares underlying our ADS are registered on the transfer agent seconds in the name of the Brazilian Depositary.

Transfers of shares by a foreign investor are made in the same way and executed by such investor slocal agent on the investor she behalf except that, if the original investment was registered with the Central Bank of Brazil under the Brazilian foreign investment in capital markets regulations, the foreign investor should also seek amendment, if necessary, though its local agent, of the certificate of registration to reflect the new ownership.

The Bovespa reports transactions in its market to CBLC, a central clearing system. A holder of our shares may choose, at its discretion, to participate in this system. All shares elected to be put into the system will be deposited in custody with the relevant stock exchange, through a Brazilian institution duly authorized to operate by the Central Bank of Brazil and CVM and having a clearing account with the relevant stock exchange.

The fact that such shares are subject to custody with the relevant stock exchange will be reflected in our register of shareholders. Each participating shareholder will, in turn, be registered in our register of beneficial shareholders, as the case may be, maintained by the relevant stock exchange and will be treated in the same way as registered shareholders.

### **Material Contracts**

The following is a summary of the material contracts to which we have been a party in the past two years, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business:

- Until December 2002, each of the Subsidiaries operated under a concession that authorized it to provide specified services and set forth certain obligations. In December 2002, the Subsidiaries converted their respective concessions to operate under SMC regulations into authorizations to operate under PCS regulations. See also "Item 4. Regulation of the Brazilian TelecommunicationsIndustry-Authorizations and Concessions.
- Credit Agreement, dated as of December 22, 2000, among BNDES, TIM Sul, as borrower, and TSU, as guarantor, in the principal amount of R\$41.3 outstanding as of December 31, 2004 million. Under this loan, R\$27.2 million of the total principal amount bears interest at a variable rate of 4% plus the TJLP, which was 9.75% per annum on December 31, 2004. The remaining R\$14.1 million of principal is adjusted according to a □BNDES currency basket,□ consistingainly of the U.S. dollar plus a 4% spread related to the BNDES foreign funding costs (Res.635/87). On December 31, 2004, the outstanding amount under this credit agreement, including accrued interest, was R\$41.5 million.
- Credit Agreement, dated as of September 22, 2000, between TIM Nordeste, as borrower and the European Investment Bank, as lender, in the principal amount of US\$50 million, of which US\$41.4 million was outstanding as of December 31, 2004. We have hedged our risk of currency exchange rate fluctuations on our payments of principal and interest under this agreement, under which we pay interest at a variable rate of 1.775% per annum plus three-month LIBOR. This loan matures on September 15, 2005. On September 22, 2000, in connection with the loan agreement between TIM Nordeste and the European Investment Bank, TND entered into a Guarantee and Indemnity Agreement with the European Investment Bank, and an Indemnification Agreement with Banque Sudameris, guarantying the due performance of TIM Nordeste under the loan agreement.
- Credit Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2004, among TIM Nordeste, as borrower, and Banco do Nordeste do Brasil S.A., as lender, in the principal amount of R\$20 million. The amount outstanding as of December 31, 2004 was R\$20 million. The agreement, which matures on June 28, 2012, bears interest in the rate of 14% per annum. In connection with this agreement, Banco Bradesco S.A. issued a letter of guarantee, subject to the payment of fees corresponding to 1% per annum of the principal amount. The guarantee agreement executed by TIM Nordeste and Banco Bradesco S.A. provides for the issuance of a \$30 million promissory note by TIM Nordeste, with TND as the guarantor of such promissory note.
- In the United States, the Preferred Shares traded, until June 24, 2002, in the form of ADSs, each representing 10,000 Preferred Shares, issued by The Bank of New York, as Depositary ([BONY"), pursuant to a Deposit Agreement, dated July 27, 1998, among the Holding Company, BONY and the registered holders and beneficial owners from time to time of ADRs. Pursuant to an Amendment to the Deposit Agreement, dated June 24, 2002, among the Holding Company, BONY, JPMorgan, as Depositary, and the holders from time to time of ADRs, JPMorgan replaced BONY as the Depositary for the Holding Company[s ADS program. Since June 24, 2002, the Preferred Shares have traded in the United States in the form of ADSs, each representing 10,000 Preferred Shares, issued by JPMorgan. The rights of holders of ADRs are not materially affected by this change in depositaries, except that holders now have contractual rights against JPMorgan, instead.

### **Exchange Controls**

There are no restrictions on ownership of our Preferred Shares or Common Shares by individuals or legal entities domiciled outside Brazil. However, the right to convert dividend payments and proceeds from the sale of shares into foreign currency and to remit such amounts outside Brazil is subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation which generally requires, among other things, that the relevant investments have been registered with the Central Bank of Brazil. Foreign investors may register their investment under Law No. 4,131 of September 3, 1962 (∏Law No. 4,131∏), or Resolution No. 2,689/00. Registration under Law No. 4,131 or under Resolution No. 2,689/00 generally enables foreign investors to convert into foreign currency dividends, other distributions and sales proceeds received in connection with registered investments and to remit such amounts abroad. Resolution No. 2,689/00 affords favorable tax treatment to foreign investors who are not resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, which is defined under Brazilian tax laws as a country that does not impose taxes or where the maximum income tax rate is lower than 20% or that restricts the disclosure of shareholder composition or ownership of investments. See ∏∏Taxation∏Brazilian Tax Considerations.∏ Such restrictions on the remittance of foreign capital abroad may hinder or prevent Banco Itaú S.A., as custodian for our Preferred Shares represented by ADSs, or holders who have exchanged ADRs for Preferred Shares, from converting dividends, distributions or the proceeds from any sale of such Preferred Shares, as the case may be, into U.S. dollars and remitting such U.S. dollars abroad. Holders of ADSs could be adversely affected by delays in, or refusal to grant any, required government approval for conversions of Brazilian currency payments and remittances abroad of our Preferred Shares underlying the ADSs.

Under Resolution No. 2,689/00, foreign investors may invest in almost all financial assets and engage in almost all transactions available in the Brazilian financial and capital markets, provided that certain requirements are fulfilled. In accordance with Resolution No. 2,689/00, foreign investors are individuals, corporations, mutual funds and collective investments domiciled or headquartered abroad.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2,689/00, foreign investors must:

- appoint at least one representative in Brazil with powers to perform actions relating to the foreign investment;
- complete the appropriate foreign investment registration form;
- obtain registration as a foreign investor with the CVM; and
- register the foreign investment with the Central Bank of Brazil.

The securities and other financial assets held by the foreign investor pursuant to Resolution 2,689/00 must be:

- registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank of Brazil or by the CVM or
- registered in registration, clearing and custody systems authorized by the Central Bank of Brazil or by the CVM.

In addition, securities trading is restricted to transactions carried out on the stock exchanges or organized over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM.

On January 26, 2000, the Central Bank of Brazil enacted Circular No. 2,963, providing that beginning on March 31, 2000, all investments by a foreign investor under the Resolution No. 2,689/00 are subject to the electronic registration with the Central Bank of Brazil. Foreign investments registered under the Annex IV regulations were required to conform to the new registration rules by June 30, 2000.

Resolution No. 1,927 of the CMN provides for the issuance of depositary receipts in foreign markets in respect of shares of Brazilian issuers. The ADS program was approved under the Annex V regulations by the Central Bank of Brazil and the Brazilian securities commission prior to the issuance of the ADSs. Accordingly, the proceeds from the sale of ADSs by ADR holders outside Brazil are free of Brazilian foreign investment

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controls and holders of the ADSs will be entitled to favorable tax treatment. See <code>[]Taxation[Brazilian Tax Considerations.]</code> According to Resolution No. 2,689/00, foreign investments registered under Annex V Regulations may be converted into the new investment system and vice-versa, provided the conditions set forth by the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM are complied with.

An electronic registration has been generated in the name of the Depositary with respect to the ADSs and is maintained by the custodian on behalf of the Depositary. This electronic registration is carried on through the Central Bank of Brazil\(\text{D}\)s information system. Pursuant to the registration, the custodian and the Depositary are able to convert dividends and other distributions with respect to our Preferred Shares represented by ADSs into foreign currency and remit the proceeds outside Brazil. In the event that a holder of ADSs exchanges such ADSs for Preferred Shares, such holder will be entitled to continue to rely on the Depositary\(\text{D}\)s certificate of registration for five business days after such exchange, following which such holder must seek to obtain its own certificate of registration with the Central Bank of Brazil. Thereafter, any holder of Preferred Shares may not be able to convert into foreign currency and remit outside Brazil the proceeds from the disposition of, or distributions with respect to, such Preferred Shares, unless such holder qualifies under the Annex IV or the Resolution 2,689/00 regulations, or obtains its own certificate of registration. A holder that obtains a certificate of registration will be subject to less favorable Brazilian tax treatment than a holder of ADSs. See \(\text{D}\)Taxation\(\text{B}\)razilian Tax Considerations.\(\text{D}\) In addition, if the holder is a qualified investor under Resolution No. 2,689/00 but resides in a jurisdiction that does not impose income tax or where the income tax is imposed at a maximum rate of 20%, this holder will be subject to a less favorable tax treatment than a holder of ADSs.

Under current Brazilian legislation, the federal government may impose temporary restrictions on remittances of foreign capital abroad in the event of a serious imbalance or an anticipated serious imbalance of Brazil\[]s balance of payments. For approximately six months in 1989 and early 1990, the federal government froze all dividend and capital repatriations held by the Central Bank of Brazil that were owed to foreign equity investors, in order to conserve Brazil\[]s foreign currency reserves. These amounts were subsequently released in accordance with federal government directives. The imbalance in Brazil\[]s balance of payments increased during 1999, and there can be no assurance that the federal government will not impose similar restrictions on foreign repatriations in the future.

### **Taxation**

The following summary contains a description of the principal Brazilian and U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Preferred Shares or ADSs, but it does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase Preferred Shares or ADSs. The summary is based upon the tax laws of Brazil and regulations thereunder and on the tax laws of the United States and regulations thereunder as in effect on the date hereof, which are subject to change. **Prospective purchasers of Preferred Shares or ADSs should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Preferred Shares or ADSs.** 

Although there is at present no income tax treaty between Brazil and the United States, the tax authorities of the two countries have had discussions that may culminate in such a treaty. No assurance can be given, however, as to whether or when a treaty will enter into force or how it will affect the U.S. holders of Preferred Shares or ADSs. Prospective holders of Preferred Shares or ADSs should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Preferred Shares or ADSs in their particular circumstances.

#### **Brazilian Tax Considerations**

The following discussion summarizes the principal Brazilian tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Preferred Shares or ADSs by a non-Brazilian holder. This discussion does not address all the Brazilian tax considerations that may be applicable to any particular non-Brazilian holder, and each non-Brazilian holder should consult its own tax advisor about the Brazilian tax consequences of investing in Preferred Shares or ADSs.

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#### Taxation of Dividends

Dividends paid by the Holding Company in cash or in kind from profits of periods beginning on or after January 1, 1996 (i) to the Depositary in respect of Preferred Shares underlying ADSs or (ii) to a non-Brazilian holder in respect of Preferred Shares will generally not be subject to Brazilian income tax withholding.

#### Taxation of Gains

Gains realized outside Brazil by a non-Brazilian holder on the disposition of ADSs or Preferred Shares to another non-Brazilian holder are not subject to Brazilian tax. According to Article 26 of Law No. 10,833 of December 29, 2003, which came into force on February 1, 2004, capital gains realized on the disposition of assets located in Brazil by non-Brazilian residents, whether or not to other non-residents and whether made outside or within Brazil, are subject to taxation in Brazil at a rate of 15% or 25%, if realized by investors resident in a [tax haven] jurisdiction (i.e.a country that does not impose any income tax or that imposes tax at a maximum rate of less than 20%). Although we believe that the ADSs will not fall within the definition of assets located in Brazil for the purposes of Law No. 10,833, considering the general and unclear scope of Law 10,833 and the absence of any judicial guidance in respect thereof, we are unable to predict whether such interpretation will ultimately prevail in the Brazilian courts.

Gains realized by non-Brazilian holders on dispositions of Preferred Shares in Brazil or in transactions with Brazilian residents may be exempt from Brazilian income tax, taxed at a rate of 15% or taxed at a rate of 25%, depending on the circumstances. Gains realized through transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges, provided that carried out in accordance with Resolution 2,689 of the National Monetary Council Regulations, as described below, are exempt from the Brazilian income tax. Gains realized through transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges are subject to tax at a rate of 15%. Gains realized through transactions with Brazilian residents or through transactions in Brazil off of the Brazilian stock exchanges are subject to tax at a rate of 15% or 25%, if realized by investors resident in a tax haven jurisdiction.

Non-Brazilian holders of Preferred Shares registered under Resolution 2,689, which as of March 31, 2000 superseded the Annex IV Regulations, may be subject to favorable tax treatment since the investor has

• appointed a representative in Brazil with power to take action relating to the investment in Preferred Shares,

- registered as a foreign investor with the CVM and
- registered its investment in Preferred Shares with the Central Bank of Brazil.

Under Resolution 2,689 securities held by foreign investors must be maintained under the custody of, or in deposit accounts with, financial institutions duly authorized by the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM. In addition, securities trading is restricted under Resolution 2,689 to transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges or qualified over-the-counter markets. The preferential treatment afforded under Resolution 2,689 and afforded to investors in ADSs is not available to investors resident or domiciled in tax havens.

There can be no assurance that the current preferential treatment for holders of ADSs and non-Brazilian holders of Preferred Shares under Resolution 2,689 will be maintained.

Gain on the disposition of Preferred Shares is measured by the difference between the amount in Brazilian currency realized on the sale or exchange and the acquisition cost of the shares sold, measured in Brazilian currency, without any correction for inflation. The acquisition cost of shares registered as an investment with the Central Bank of Brazil is calculated on the basis of the foreign currency amount registered with the Central Bank of Brazil. See  $\square$ Exchange Controls. $\square$ 

There is a possibility that gains realized by a non-Brazilian holder upon the redemption of Preferred Shares will be treated as gains from the disposition of such Preferred Shares to a Brazilian resident occurring off of a stock exchange and will accordingly be subject to tax at a rate of 15% or 25%, if realized by investors resident in a tax haven jurisdiction.

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Any exercise of preemptive rights relating to Preferred Shares or ADSs will not be subject to Brazilian taxation. Gains on the sale or assignment of preemptive rights relating to Preferred Shares will be subject to the same tax treatment applicable to a sale or disposition of our Preferred Shares. The deposit of Preferred Shares in exchange for the ADSs may be subject to Brazilian income tax if the amount previously registered with the Central Bank of Brazil as a foreign investment in our Preferred Shares is lower than

- the average price per Preferred Share on the Bovespa on the day of the deposit; or
- if no Preferred Shares were sold on that day, the average price on the Bovespa during the fifteen preceding trading sessions.

In the latter case, the difference between the amount previously registered and the average price of the Preferred Shares, calculated as set forth above, will be considered a capital gain subject to income tax at a rate of 15%. Unless the Preferred Shares were held in accordance with Resolution 2,689, in which case the exchange would be tax-free, the capital gain will be subject to income tax at the following rates: (i) 15%, for gains realized through transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges; or (ii) 15% or 25%, %, if realized by investors resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, for gains realized through transactions in Brazil off of the Brazilian stock exchanges.

The withdrawal of ADSs in exchange for Preferred Shares is not subject to Brazilian income tax. On receipt of the underlying Preferred Shares, a non-Brazilian holder entitled to benefits under Resolution 2,689 will be entitled to register the U.S. dollar value of such shares with the Central Bank of Brazil as described above in  $\square$ Exchange Controls. If such non-Brazilian holder does not qualify under Resolution 2,689, it will be subject to the

less favorable tax treatment described above in respect of exchanges of Preferred Shares.

### Distributions of Interest on Capital

A Brazilian corporation may make payments to its shareholders characterized as interest on the corporation's capital as an alternative form of making dividend distributions. See "Item 8. Financial Information- Dividend Policy." The rate of interest may not be higher than the TJLP, as determined by the Central Bank of Brazil from time to time, which for 2004 was set at 9.81% . The total amount distributed as interest on capital may not exceed, for tax purposes, the greater of:

- 50% of net income for the year in respect of which the payment is made, after the deduction of social contribution or net profits and before (1) making any deduction for corporate income taxes paid and (2) taking such distribution into account; or
- 50% of retained earnings for the year prior to the year in respect of which the payment is made.

Payments of interest on capital are decided by the shareholders on the basis of recommendations by the Holding Company∏s Board of Directors.

Up to the limit mentioned above, distributions of interest on capital paid to Brazilian and non-Brazilian holders of Preferred Shares, including payments to the Depositary in respect of Preferred Shares underlying ADSs, are deductible by the Holding Company for Brazilian tax purposes. Such payments are subject to Brazilian income tax withholding at the rate of 15%, except for payments to beneficiaries who are exempt from tax in Brazil, which are free of Brazilian tax, and except for payments to beneficiaries situated in tax havens, which payments are subject to withholding at a 25% rate.

No assurance can be given that the Board of Directors of the Holding Company will not recommend that future distributions of profits will be made by means of interest on capital instead of by means of dividends.

Amounts paid as interest on capital (net of applicable income tax withholding) may be treated as payments in respect of the dividends that the Holding Company is obligated to distribute to its shareholders in accordance with its by-laws and Brazilian Corporate Law. Distributions of interest on capital in respect of the Preferred Shares, including distributions to the Depositary in respect of Preferred Shares underlying ADSs, may be converted into U.S. dollars and remitted outside of Brazil, subject to applicable exchange controls.

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### Other Brazilian Taxes

There are no Brazilian inheritance, gift or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposition of the Preferred Shares or ADSs by a non-Brazilian holder except for gift and inheritance taxes levied by some States in Brazil on gifts made or inheritances bestowed by individuals or entities not resident or domiciled in Brazil or in the relevant State to individuals or entities that are resident or domiciled within such State in Brazil. There are no Brazilian stamp, issue, registration, or similar taxes or duties payable by holders of Preferred Shares or ADSs.

A financial transaction tax (the  $\square IOF \square$ ) may be imposed on a variety of transactions, including the conversion of Brazilian currency into foreign currency (*e.g.*, for purposes of paying dividends and interest) or the conversion of foreign currency into Brazilian currency. The IOF tax rate for most of these transactions is currently 0%, but the

Minister of Finance has the legal power to increase the rate to a maximum of 25%. Any such increase will be applicable only prospectively.

The IOF may also be levied on transactions involving bonds or securities ([IOF/Títulos]) even if the transactions are effected on Brazilian stock, futures or commodities exchanges. The rate of the IOF/Títulos with respect to Preferred Shares and ADSs is currently 0%. The Minister of Finance, however, has the legal power to increase the rate to a maximum of 1.5% per day.

In addition to such taxes, the temporary contribution on financial transactions, or the CPMF tax, is currently levied at a rate of 0.38% on all funds transfers in connection with financial transactions in Brazil. The CPMF will be in effect until December 31, 2007 at the rate of 0.38%, according to Amendment No. 42 to the Brazilian Federal Constitution. Since July 12, 2002, stock exchange transactions have been exempted from the CPMF tax. On July 13, 2004, the Brazilian government enacted Law No. 10,892, which establishes that, as from October 1, 2004, debits of reais from deposit bank accounts exclusively opened for investments in fixed and variable income financial assets ( $\square$ conta corrente de depósito para investimento $\square$ ) will not be subject to the CPMF assessment.

#### U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The statements regarding U.S. tax law set forth below are based on U.S. law as in force on the date of this annual report, and changes to such law subsequent to the date of this annual report may affect the tax consequences described herein. This summary describes the principal tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of Preferred Shares or ADSs, but it does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a decision to hold or dispose of Preferred Shares or ADSs. This summary applies only to purchasers of Preferred Shares or ADSs who will hold Preferred Shares or ADSs as capital assets for tax purposes and does not apply to special classes of holders such as dealers and traders in securities or currencies, holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, holders of 10% or more of the shares of the Holding Company (taking into account shares held directly or through depositary arrangements), tax-exempt organizations, certain financial institutions, insurance companies, persons who acquired our Preferred Shares or ADSs pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation, holders liable for the alternative minimum tax, partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and persons holding Preferred Shares or ADSs in a hedging transaction or as part of a straddle, conversion or other integrated transaction.

Each holder should consult such holder sown tax advisor concerning the overall tax consequences to it, including the consequences under laws other than U.S. federal income tax laws, of an investment in Preferred Shares or ADSs.

In this discussion, references to ADSs also refer to Preferred Shares, and references to a  $\square U.S.$  holder  $\square$  are to a beneficial holder of an ADS that is

- a citizen or resident of the United States of America,
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organized under the laws of the United States of America or any political subdivision thereof or

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• an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

For purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the [Code]) holders of ADSs will be treated as owners of the Preferred Shares represented by such ADSs. Accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized if you exchange ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are pre-released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for U.S. holders of ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate holders. Accordingly, the analysis of the creditability of Brazil taxes and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom the ADSs are pre-released.

#### Taxation of Distributions

Subject to the passive foreign investment company ([PFIC]) rules described below, a U.S. holder will recognize ordinary dividend income for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the amount of any cash and the value of any property distributed by the Holding Company as a dividend to the extent that such distribution is paid out of the Holding Company[s current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, when such distribution is received by the Custodian, or by the U.S. holder in the case of a holder of Preferred Shares. The amount of any distribution will include the amount of Brazilian tax withheld on the amount distributed, and the amount of a distribution paid in *reais* will be measured by reference to the exchange rate for converting *reais* into U.S. dollars in effect on the date the distribution is received by the Custodian, or by a U.S. holder in the case of a holder of Preferred Shares. If the Custodian, or U.S. holder in the case of a holder of Preferred Shares, does not convert such *reais* into U.S. dollars on the date it receives them, it is possible that the U.S. holder will recognize foreign currency loss or gain, which would be ordinary loss or gain, when the *reais* are converted into U.S. dollars. Dividends paid by the Holding Company will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code.

Distributions out of earnings and profits with respect to the ADSs generally will be treated as dividend income from sources outside of the United States. Subject to certain limitations, Brazilian income tax withheld in connection with any distribution with respect to the ADSs may be claimed as a credit against the U.S. federal income tax liability of a U.S. holder. Alternatively such Brazilian withholding tax may be taken as a deduction against taxable income. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the implications of these rules in light of their particular circumstances.

Distributions of additional shares to holders with respect to their ADSs that are made as part of a pro rata distribution to all shareholders of the Holding Company generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Subject to applicable limitations and the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. dollar amount of dividends received by an individual prior to January 1, 2009 with respect to the ADSs will be subject to taxation at a maximum rate of 15% if the dividends are [qualified dividends.] Dividends paid on the ADSs will be treated as qualified dividends if (i) the ADSs are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States and (ii) the Holding Company was not, in the year prior to the year in which the dividend was paid, and is not, in the year in which the dividend is paid, a PFIC. The ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and will qualify as readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States so long as they are so listed. Based on the Holding Company[s audited financial statements, the Holding Company believes that it will not be considered a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to its 2004 taxable year, as discussed below. In addition, based on the Holding Company[s current expectations regarding the value and nature of its assets, the sources and nature of its income the Holding Company does not anticipate becoming a PFIC for its 2005 taxable year.

Based on existing guidance, it is not entirely clear whether dividends received with respect to the Preferred Shares will be treated as qualified dividends, because the Preferred Shares are not themselves listed on a U.S. exchange. In addition, the U.S. Treasury has announced its intention to promulgate rules pursuant to which holders of ADSs or preferred stock and intermediaries through whom such securities are held will be

permitted to rely on certifications from issuers to establish that dividends are treated as qualified dividends. Because such procedures have not yet been issued, it is not clear whether the Holding Company will be able to comply with them. Holders of ADSs and Preferred Shares should consult their own tax advisers regarding the availability of the reduced dividend tax rate in the light of their own particular circumstances.

#### Taxation of Capital Gains

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, upon the sale or other disposition of an ADS, a U.S. holder will generally recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The amount of the gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the amount realized on the disposition of the ADS and the U.S. holder tax basis in the ADS. Such gain or loss generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax, will be treated as capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the ADS has been held for more than one year. Generally, capital gain recognized by an individual holder before January 1, 2009 is subject to taxation at a maximum rate of 15%. The deductibility of losses is subject to limitations. The gain or loss will generally be U.S. source gain or loss for foreign tax credit purposes. Consequently, if Brazilian tax is imposed on such gain, the U.S. holder will not be able to use the corresponding foreign tax credit, unless the holder has other foreign source income of the appropriate type in respect of which the credit may be used.

#### PFIC Rules

The Holding Company believes that the Preferred Shares and ADSs will not be treated as stock of a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for its 2004 taxable year. However, since PFIC status depends upon the composition of a company\(\sigma\) income and assets and the market value of its assets (including, among others, less than 25% owned equity investments) from time to time, there can be no assurance that the Holding Company will not be considered a PFIC for any taxable year. If the Company were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. holder held an ADS or Preferred Share, certain adverse consequences could apply to the U.S. holder. If the Holding Company is treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, gain recognized by such U.S. Holder on a sale or other disposition of the ADS or ordinary share would be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder\s\s\ holding period for the ADS or ordinary share. The amounts allocated to the taxable year of the sale or other exchange and to any year before the Holding Company became a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income. The amount allocated to each other taxable year would be subject to tax at the highest rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as appropriate, and an interest charge would be imposed on the amount allocated to such taxable year. Further, any distribution in respect of ADSs or ordinary shares in excess of 125% of the average of the annual distributions on ADSs or ordinary shares received by the U.S. holder during the preceding three years or the U.S. holder sholding period, whichever if shorter, would be subject to taxation as described above. Certain elections may be available (including a mark to market election) to U.S. persons that may mitigate the adverse consequences resulting from PFIC status.

In addition, if we were to be treated as a PFIC in a taxable year in which we pay a dividend or the prior taxable year, the 15% dividend rate discussed above with respect to dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. holders would not apply.

### Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Dividends paid on, and proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, the ADSs or Preferred Shares to a U.S. holder generally may be subject to the information reporting requirements of the Code and may be subject to backup withholding unless (i) the U.S. holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient or (ii) in the case of backup withholding, the U.S. holder provides an accurate taxpayer identification number and certifies that it is not subject to backup withholding. The amount of any backup withholding collected from a payment to a U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against the U.S. holder U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the U.S. holder to a refund, provided that certain required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Documents on Display**

Statements contained in this annual report as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and each of these statements is qualified in all respects by reference to the full text of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit hereto. Anyone may read and copy this report,

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including the exhibits hereto, at the Securities and Exchange Commission public reference room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the public reference room is available by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

We are subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and, in accordance therewith, will file periodic reports and other information with the SEC. These periodic reports and other information will be available for inspection and copying at the regional offices, public reference facilities of the SEC referred to above. As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from certain provisions of the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements and periodic reports and from Section 16 of the Exchange Act relating to short-swing profits reporting and liability.

We will furnish to JPMorgan Chase, as Depositary, copies of all reports we are required to file with the SEC under the Exchange Act, including our annual reports in English, containing a brief description of our operations and our audited annual Consolidated Financial Statements, which will be prepared in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law accounting method and include a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP. In addition, we are required under the Deposit Agreement to furnish the Depositary with copies of English translations to the extent required under the rules of the SEC of all notices of Preferred Shareholders meetings and other reports and communications that are generally made available to holders of Preferred Shares. Under certain circumstances, the Depositary will arrange for the mailing to all ADR holders, at our expense, of these notices, reports and communications.

### Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in both foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. We are exposed to foreign exchange rate risk principally because certain costs of ours are denominated in currencies (primarily U.S. dollars) other than those in which we earn revenues (primarily *reais*). Similarly, we are subject to market risk deriving from changes in interest rates, which may affect the cost of our financing. Prior to June 1999 April 1999 for TND, we did not use derivative instruments, such as foreign exchange forward contracts, foreign currency options, interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements, to manage these market risks. In June 1999 (April 1999 for TND), we began entering into hedging agreements covering payments of principal on our U.S. dollar denominated indebtedness. We also have entered into arrangements to hedge market risk deriving from changes in interest rates for some of our debt obligations. We do not hold or issue derivative or other financial instruments for trading purposes.

#### **Exchange Rate Risk**

At December 31, 2004, approximately R\$42.1 million of our indebtedness was denominated in U.S. dollars and fully hedged. In addition, on the same date, we owed approximately R\$41.5 million, including accrued interest, under our credit facility with BNDES, of which R\$14.1 million was linked to the <code>BNDES</code> basket of currencies, <code>mostly</code> based on the U.S. dollar/real exchange rate. On May 31, 2002, we swapped all our exposure to such <code>BNDES</code> basket of currencies <code>to CDI</code>. We do not hold or issue derivatives or other financial instruments for trading purposes. See Note 33.I.g to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Since we have hedged our exchange rate risk with respect to our borrowings denominated in foreign currency, we have limited our exchange rate exposure with respect to such borrowings. Our foreign-exchange hedging agreements establish a fixed rate at which we agree to purchase U.S. dollars at a future date to pay our U.S. dollar-denominated principal payment obligations, which protect us from devaluations of the *real* but expose us to potential losses in the event the U.S. dollar declines in value against the *real*. However, any such decline in the value of the dollar would reduce our costs in *reais* terms of planned capital expenditures, discussed below.

We also remain exposed to market risk from changes in exchange rates and their effect upon planned capital expenditures, a substantial portion of which are denominated in U.S. dollars. With respect to planned capital expenditures for 2005, the potential loss to us that would have resulted from a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable 23% change in the *real-*U.S. dollar exchange rate as of December 31, 2004 would have been approximately R\$22.0 million (assuming that we would have made capital expenditures as originally planned, despite such unfavorable change in rates). If we were to experience such a change, our cost of financing would increase in proportion to the change.

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#### **Interest Rate Risk**

At December 31, 2004, our outstanding debt accrued interest at the CDI or the TJLP, and totaled R\$47.4 million. On the same date, we had cash and cash equivalents, in the amount of R\$856.3 million, of which approximately R\$766.5 million were invested in short-term instruments accruing interest at the CDI rate.

Over a one year period, before accounting for tax expenses and minority interests, a hypothetical, instantaneous and unfavorable change of 100 basis points in interest rates applicable to our financial assets and liabilities on December 31, 2004 would have resulted in a variation of R\$0.87 million in our interest expenses from financial contracts and a variation of R\$7.67 million in our revenues from financial investments (assuming that this hypothetical 100 basis point movement in interest rates uniformly applied to each [homogenous category] of our financial assets and liabilities and that such movement in interest rates was sustained over the full one-year period). For purposes of this interest rate risk sensitivity analysis, financial assets and liabilities denominated in the same currency (e.g., U.S. dollars) are grouped in separate homogenous categories. This interest rate risk sensitivity analysis may therefore overstate the impact of interest rate fluctuations to us, as unfavorable movements of all interest rates are unlikely to occur consistently among different homogenous categories. See Note 28 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

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### Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinguencies

None.

### Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

None.

### **Item 15. Controls and Procedures**

As of December 31, 2004, we carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. Based upon and as of the date of our evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required.

Furthermore, there were no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during 2004 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert

Our Fiscal Committee, which functions as an audit committee, consists of up to five members, three of which are elected by the majority common shareholders, one by the minority common shareholders and one by the preferred shareholders. Our Fiscal Committee has determined that at least two of its members, José Antonio Ramos and Josino de Almeida Fonseca, independent members of our Fiscal Committee under Brazilian rules, are \( \text{\text{|}}\) audit committee financial experts \( \text{\text{|}}\) as such term is defined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 16B. Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Conduct and Transparency that applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and persons performing similar functions, as well as to our other directors, officers, controlling shareholders and members of the *Conselho Fiscal* in accordance with CVM rules satisfying the requirements of Brazilian Law. Our code of ethics is filed as an exhibit to this annual report and is available on our website at <a href="http://www.timpartri.com.br">http://www.timpartri.com.br</a>. The Code of Conduct and Transparency is also available free of charge upon request. Such request may be made by mail, telephone or fax at the address set forth in the second paragraph of <a href="mailto:Item 4">Item 4</a>. Information on the Company Basic Information. During 2004 we adopted no amendments to and granted no waivers from our Code of Conduct and Transparency.

Our Code of Conduct and Transparency does not address all of the principles set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. However, Brazilian Law no. 6.404 Article 156 specifies that an officer is prohibited from taking part in any corporate transaction in which he has an interest that conflicts with the interests of the company. This disqualification must be disclosed to the board. Moreover, an officer may only contract with the company under reasonable and fair conditions, identical to those that prevail in the market or under which the company would contract with third parties. Any contract entered into or performed in violation of this article is voidable and requires the offending officer to disgorge any benefits he received from such violation.

### **Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

#### Audit and Non-Audit Fees

The following table sets forth the fees billed to us by our independent auditors, Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S., during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2004:

	Tear ended becember	Tear ended December 31,		
	2003 200	)4		
Audit fees	R\$ 552,178 R\$ 660,	932		
Audit-related fees	19,556 80,	476		
Tax fees	62,000 18,	792		
Other fees				
Total fees	R\$ 633,734 R\$ 760,	200		

Audit fees in the above table are the aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. in connection with the audit of our annual financial statements, limited reviews of our quarterly financial information for statutory purposes, and the audit of the financial statements prepared based on US GAAP.

Audit-related fees in the above table are the aggregate fees billed by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. for a consolidated reporting package related to the company parent company.

Tax fees in the above table are fees billed by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S. for tax compliance reviews.

## **Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The general authority to pre-approve the engagement of our independent auditors to render non-audit services is under the purview of our Fiscal Committee. Accordingly, the Fiscal Committee has established pre-approval procedures to control the provision of all audit and non-audit services by our independent auditors (the <code>Pre-Approval PolicyD</code>). Under the Pre-Approval Policy, the engagement of our independent auditors to provide audit and non-audit services must be pre-approved by the Fiscal Committee, either in the form of a special approval or through the inclusion of the services in question in a list adopted by the Fiscal Committee of pre-approved services. The Pre-Approval Policy is detailed as to the particular services to be provided. Additionally, the Pre-Approval Policy affirms that the Fiscal CommitteeDs responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are not delegated to management.

### Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

Brazilian Corporate Law requires that we have a statutory Board of Auditors (referred to as our Fiscal Committee or *Conselho Fiscal*). Our Fiscal Committee meets the requirements of the general exemption set forth in Exchange Act Rule 10A-3(c)(3). See [Item 6[Directors, Senior Management and Employees[Directors and Senior Management[Fiscal Committee.] Our Fiscal Committee is primarily charged with certain advisory, oversight and review functions with respect to the company[s financial statements, management acts and certain proposals to be submitted to shareholders[] meetings, such as proposals made by management regarding investment plans, capital expenditures budget, dividends distribution and corporate restructuring involving the company. However, the Fiscal Committee, as required by Brazilian Corporate Law, has only an advisory role and does not participate in the management of the company. Indeed, decisions of the Fiscal Committee are not binding on the company under Brazilian Corporate Law. Our Board of Directors, under Brazilian Corporate Law, is the only entity with the

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legal capacity to appoint and terminate any independent registered public accounting firm.

Since Brazilian Corporate Law does not specifically grant our Fiscal Committee the power to establish receipt, retention and complaint procedures regarding accounting, internal control and audit matters, or create policies for the confidential, anonymous treatment of employee concerns regarding accounting or auditing

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matters, we adopted at a shareholders meeting held on May 6, 2004 a committee charter to clarify that the Fiscal Committee has certain powers and duties, which comprise among others the powers herein mentioned.

We do not believe that our use of the Fiscal Committee in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, as opposed to the provisions set forth in Exchange Act Rule 10A-3(b), materially adversely affects the ability of the Fiscal Committee to act independently, satisfy the other applicable requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10A-3 or to fulfill its fiduciary and other obligations under Brazilian law. It is presently contemplated that the Fiscal Committee will continue to be independent. However, because the Fiscal Committee smembers will continue to be elected and its budget will continue to be set at the general shareholders meeting, we can make no assurance that the Fiscal Committee or its future members will continue to be independent from our controlling shareholder in the future.

### Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

Not applicable.

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#### PART III

### **Item 17. Financial Statements**

We have responded to Item 18 in lieu of responding to this Item.

### **Item 18. Financial Statements**

See our audited consolidated financial statements beginning at page F-1.

### Item 19. Exhibits

1.1\* By-laws of TIM Participações S.A., as amended (English and Portuguese).

- 2.1 Deposit Agreement, dated as of July 27, 1998, among Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., The Bank of New York, as Depositary, and owners and beneficial owners from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder, which is incorporated by reference to our registration statement filed on Form F-6 with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 1998.
- 2.2\* Deposit Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2002, among Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Depositary, and holders of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder.
- 4.1 Credit Agreement dated as of December 3, 1999, among Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor, and Export-Import Bank of the United States, which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.2\* Credit Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between TIM Nordeste (then Telpe Celular S.A.), as borrower, and the European Investment Bank, as lender.
- 4.3\* Guarantee and Indemnity Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between European Investment Bank and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A.
- 4.4\* Indemnification Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between Banque Sudameris, as Guarantor, and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A., as Indemnifier.
- 4.5\* Counter Indemnity Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between Banque Sudameris, as Guarantor, and TIM Nordeste (then Telpe Celular S.A.), as Borrower.
- 4.6 Credit Agreement dated as of December 22, 2000, among Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social BNDES, Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, and Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor (Portuguese Version), which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.7 Credit Agreement dated as of December 22, 2000, among *Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social* BNDES, Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, and Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.8\* Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 2004, by and between Banco do Nordeste do Brasil S.A., as lender, and TIM Nordeste, as borrower.
- 4.9\* Guarantee Agreement dated as of June 24, 2004 among Banco Bradesco S.A., TIM Nordeste and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation).
- Management Assistance Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2000, between Tele Nordeste Celular Participacoes S.A. and Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A., which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Standard Concession Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service (Portuguese Version), which is incorporated by reference to our 1998 registration statement filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- 4.12 Standard Concession Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 1998 registration statement filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.13 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telepar Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.14 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for CTMR Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.15 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telesc Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.16 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telpe Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.17 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Teleceara Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference from the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.18 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telasa Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.19 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telpa Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.20 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telern Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.21 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telepisa Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.22 Interconnection Network Agreement relating to Local Services dated as of June 1, 2003 between TIM Sul and Brasil Telecom (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM Network, dated as of November 2, 2002, by and among Siemens Ltda. Engenharia e Service Ltda., TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Celular S.A. (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and [\*] has been substituted for the omitted text.
- Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM Network, dated as of October 2, 2003, among Ericsson Telecommunicações S.A., Ericsson Servicos de Telecommunicações Ltda., Maxitel S.A., TIM Celular S.A., TIM Sul S.A. and certain of the then-subsidiaries of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation), which is

2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and  $[]^*[]$  has been substituted for the omitted text.

Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM Network, dated as of October 2, 2003, by and among Nokia do Brasil Ltda., TIM Celular S.A. and certain of the then- subsidiaries of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2003 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and []\*[] has been substituted for the omitted text.

- 8.1\* List of Subsidiaries.
- 11.1\* Code of Ethics (English and Portuguese).
- 12.1\* Section 906 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 12.2\* Section 906 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.
- 13.1\* Section 302 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 13.2\* Section 302 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.

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#### **TECHNICAL GLOSSARY**

The following explanations are not intended as technical definitions, but to assist the general reader to understand certain terms as used in this annual report.

*Analog*: A mode of transmission or switching which is not digital, e.g., the representation of voice, video or other modulated electrical audio signals which are not in digital form.

<sup>\*</sup>Filed herewith.

Band A Service Provider: A former Telebrás operating subsidiary that has been granted a concession to provide cellular telecommunications services in a particular area within a radio spectrum frequency range referred to by Anatel as  $\sqcap$ Band A. $\sqcap$ 

Band B Service Provider: A cellular service provider that has been granted a concession to provide cellular telecommunications services in a particular area within a radio spectrum frequency range referred to by Anatel as  $\square$ Band B. $\square$ 

*Broadband services*: Services characterized by a transmission speed of 2 Mbit/s or more. According to international standards, these services are as follows: Interactive services, including video telephone/videoconferencing (both point-to-point and multipoint).

*Cellular service*: A mobile telecommunications service provided by means of a network of interconnected low-powered radio base stations, each of which covers one small geographic cell within the total cellular telecommunications system service area.

Channel: One of a number of discrete frequency ranges utilized by a radio base station.

*Cloning fraud*: Duplication of the cellular signal of a cellular phone client, enabling the perpetrator of such duplication to make telephone calls using the client signal.

Digital: A mode of representing a physical variable such as speech using digits 0 and 1 only. The digits are transmitted in binary form as a series of pulses. Digital networks allow for higher capacity and higher flexibility through the use of computer-related technology for the transmission and manipulation of telephone calls. Digital systems offer lower noise interference and can incorporate encryption as a protection from external interference.

GSM (Global System Mobile): A standard of digital cellular telecommunications technology.

*Interconnection charge*: Amount paid per minute charged by network operators for the use of their network by other network operators. Also known as an <code>[access charge.[]]</code>

*Network*: An interconnected collection of elements. In a telephone network, these consist of switches connected to each other and to customer equipment. The transmission equipment may be based on fiber optic or metallic cable or point-to-point radio connections.

*Penetration*: The measurement of the take-up of services. At any date, the penetration is calculated by dividing the number of clients by the population to which the service is available and multiplying the quotient by 100.

*Roaming*: A function that enables clients to use their cellular telephone on networks of service providers other than the one with which they signed their initial contract.

*Subscription fraud*: The use of identification documents of another individual, either real or forged, to obtain cellular services without paying for them.

*Switch*: These are used to set up and route telephone calls either to the number called or to the next switch along the path. They may also record information for billing and control purposes.

TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access): A standard of digital cellular telecommunications technology.

 ${\it Trunking:} \ {\it Special mobile switching and intercommunication services undertaken for corporate clients.}$ 

*Value Added Services*: Value Added Services provide additional functionality to the basic transmission services offered by a telecommunications network.

*Wireless Application Protocol*: A specification for a set of telecommunications protocols to standardize the way that wireless devices, such as cellular telephones and radio transceivers, can be used to access the Internet.

*WLL (Wireless Local Loop)*: A technology that permits access to fixed-line operators switching centers through radio base stations, operating in a frequency similar to those of cellular service providers.

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of TIM Participações S.A. (formerly Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A.) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated

statements of income, changes in shareholders equity and changes in financial position for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of TIM Participações S.A. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated results of their operations and their financial position for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Brazil, which differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (see Note 33 to the consolidated financial statements).

ERNST & YOUNG Auditores Independentes S/S

> Mauro Moreira Partner

Curitiba, Brazil January 20, 2005

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2003 and 2004 (In thousands of Brazilian reais)

ASSETS	Note	2003	2004
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		20,682	89,873
Short-term investments		398,040	766,459
Accounts receivable, net	5	230,469	595,935
Inventories	6	16,241	47,200
Recoverable taxes	7	29,816	91,154
Deferred income and social contribution taxes	8	52,974	108,706
Prepaid expenses and other assets		4,473	17,020
Total current assets		752,695	1,716,347
Noncurrent assets			
Recoverable taxes	7	6,200	46,750

Deferred income and social contribution taxes Related parties	8 9	139,041 355	163,114 397
Judicial deposits	10	14,939	30,291
Other noncurrent assets		363	1,505
Permanent assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net	11	695,982	1,597,172
Intangibles, net	12	27,138	40,580
Total assets		1,636,713	3,596,156

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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	Note	2003	2004
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13	206,940	691,022
Loans and financing	14	41,696	62,206
Accrued interest		1,055	666
Salaries and related charges	15	13,487	20,842
Taxes, charges and contributions	16	77,835	161,648
Concessions payable	17	16,728	11,361
Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity			
payable		48,809	114,678
Related parties	9	6,767	2,944
Other current liabilities		5,032	21,238
Total current liabilities		418,349	1,086,605
Noncurrent liabilities			
Loans and financing	14	39,432	41,220
Taxes, charges and contributions	16	58,837	26,005
Provision for contingencies	18	11,863	24,517
Pension plan	29	3,733	3,697
Minority interests		177,513	393,605
Shareholders equity			
Capital	19	369,163	884,504
Capital reserve	19	148,565	240,634
Income reserve	19	409,258	895,369
Total shareholders□ equity		926,986	2,020,507
Total liabilities and shareholders equity		1,636,713	3,596,156

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME Years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004

(In thousands of Brazilian reais, except for earnings per share, expressed in reais)

	Notes	2002	2003	2004
Gross revenues Telecommunications services Sale of goods	20 20	976,629 174,879	1,159,472 255,716	2,782,403 646,772
Deductions from gross revenues	20	1,151,508 (254,684)	1,415,188 (326,906)	3,429,175 (864,543)
Net revenues		896,824	1,088,282	2,564,632
Costs of services rendered Costs of goods sold	21 21	(325,186) (161,197)	(355,192) (221,722)	(784,233) (508,837)
Gross profit		410,441	511,368	1,271,562
Operating income (expenses):     Selling     General and administrative     Equity pick-up     Other operating income (expenses)  Income before financial results  Financial income (expenses):     Financial income     Financial expenses     Foreign exchange variance, net	22 23 24 25 26	(185,446) (83,346) (4,288) (20,463) (293,543) 116,898 64,249 (72,568) (10,639)	(230,488) (94,877) (3,250) (28,422) (357,037) 154,331 111,766 (81,276) (4,681)	(647,277) (182,442) (53,737) (883,456) 388,106 133,613 (68,801) (4,241)
Operating income		(18,958) ————————————————————————————————————	25,809 <b>180,140</b>	60,571 <b>448,677</b>
Non-operating income (loss)	27	(127)	12,842	(4,592)
Income before income and social contribution taxes and minority interest		97,813	192,982	444,085
Income and social contribution tax expense	8	(19,473)	(42,423)	(108,037)
Income before minority interest Minority interest		<b>78,340</b> (12,566)	<b>150,559</b> (29,757)	<b>336,048</b> (70,113)

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Net income for the year	65,774	120,802	265,935
Earnings per thousand shares outstanding at year-end (R\$)	0.19	0.34	0.38

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS  $\hfill\square$  EQUITY Years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (In thousands of Brazilian reais)

		reserve	Income Reserves					
	Capital	Special goodwill reserve	Legal l	Dividends payable	Unearned income l reserve	Expansion reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balances at December 31, 2001	245,033	195,695	20,506	19,257	-	327,838	-	808,329
Capital increase with transfer of reserve	79,633	(17,633)	_			(62,000)	_	_
Net income for the year Realization of	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,774	65,774
special dividends reserve Allocation of net income for	-	-	-	(10,602)	-	-	-	(10,602)
the year : Legal reserve Interest on	-	-	3,289	-	-	-	(3,289)	-
shareholders' equity Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,000) (1,171)	(17,000) (1,171)
Expansion reserve	-	-	-	-	-	44,314	(44,314)	_
Balances at December 31, 2002	324,666	178,062	23,795	8,655	-	310,152	-	845,330

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Capital increase with transfer of reserve Net income for the year Realization of special	44,497	(29,497)	-	-	-	(15,000)	120,802	- 120,802
dividends reserve Allocation of net income for the year :	-	-	-	(8,655)	-	-	-	(8,655)
Legal reserve Interest on shareholders'	-	-	6,040	-	-	-	(6,040)	-
equity Dividends Expansion	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,000) (18,491)	(12,000) (18,491)
reserve	-	-	-	-	-	84,271	(84,271)	
Balances at December 31, 2003	369,163	148,565	29,835	-	-	379,423	-	926,986
Capital increase with transfer of reserve Capital increase incorporation of ne Tele Nordeste Celular		(27,102)	-	-	-	(60,000)	-	-
Participações S.A. Realization of	428,239	119,171	32,839	2,300	18,838	280,194	-	881,581
special dividend reserve	-	-	-	(2,300)	-	-	-	(2,300)
ADENE tax incentive	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,937	20,937
Net income for the year Allocation of net income for the year:	-	-	-	-	-	-	265,935	265,935
Legal reserve Interest on	-	-	14,343	-	-	-	(14,343)	-
shareholders' equity Dividends Expansion	-	-	-		-	- -	(30,000) (42,632)	(30,000) (42,632)
reserve		_	-	-	-	199,897	(199,897)	
Balances at December 31, 2004	884,504	240,634	77,017	-	18,838	799,514		2,020,507

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION Years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (In thousands of Brazilian reais)

	2002	2003	2004
SOURCES OF WORKING CAPITAL:			
Net income for the year Amounts which do not affect working capital:	65,774	120,802	265,935
Exchange and monetary variance and interest	12,992	12,067	9,038
Provision for contingencies	2,858	2,912	3,593
Equity pick-up	4,288	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	201,763	211,798	330,953
Investment write-off	-	6,929	-
Goodwill amortization	-	-	1,581
Residual value of fixed asset disposals	2,171	921	1,643
Gain on investments	(753)	3,250	-
Minority interests	9,895	17,924	45,526
Pension supplementation	594	900	(36)
Total from operations	299,582	377,503	658,233
Effect of merger with Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A.:			
Noncurrent assets	-	-	(101,958)
Investment	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	(662,453)
Noncurrent liabilities	-	-	53,195
Minority interests	-	-	165,891
Net assets			881,579
	-	-	336,254
From third parties:			
Decrease in noncurrent assets	69,805	61,140	156,445
Increase in noncurrent liabilities	18,343	-	26,665
Tax incentive - ADENE			25,611
	88,148	61,140	208,721
Total sources	387,730	438,643	1,203,208
APPLICATION OF WORKING CAPITAL:			
Acquisition of fixed assets	68,665	212,891	586,355
Increase in noncurrent assets	24,721	13,071	135,646
Decrease in noncurrent liabilities	248,566	60,910	110,879
Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity	28,773	39,146	74,932
Total applications	370,725	326,018	907,812

Increase in working capital	17,005	112,625	295,396
Changes in working capital: Current assets			1.510.015
At end of year At beginning of year	705,791 376,197	752,695 705,791	1,716,347 752,695
	329,594	46,904	963,652
Current liabilities At end of year At beginning of year	484,070 171.481	418,349 484,070	1,086,605 418.349
At beginning of year	312,589	(65,721)	668,256
Increase in working capital	17,005	112,625	295,396

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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#### TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### 1. Operations

TIM Participações S.A. (formerly Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A.) ☐the Company☐ is a listed entity directly controlled by TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. which has a shareholding of 53.23% of the voting capital and 23.73% of the total capital.

The Company has the controlling ownership of TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. (formerly Telpe Celular S.A.). TIM Sul S.A. provides mobile telephony services in the states of Paraná (except for the cities of Londrina and Tamarana), Santa Catarina and in the cities of Pelotas, Capão do Leão, Morro Redondo and Turuçu, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. provides mobile telephony services in the states of Alagoas, Ceará, Piauí, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba and Pernambuco.

Although the economic situation in Brazil has remained stable in recent years, a return to higher levels of inflation and currency fluctuations could adversely affect the Company $\square$ s operations. The foreign exchange volatility of the Brazilian real (R\$) in relation to the US dollar affects the Company $\square$ s financial statements. The exchange rate of the Brazilian Real to the US Dollar was R\$3.5333:US\$ 1.00, R\$2.8892:US\$ 1.00 and R\$2.6544:US\$ 1.00 at December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively. At December 31, 2003 and 2004, the loans based in US Dollar represented 29% and 40% of Company $\square$ s total consolidated debt, respectively.

#### 2. Corporate Merger

On June 1, 2004, the Board of Directors of Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A. (TCS) and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (TND), subsidiaries of TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A., authorized the Protocol and Justification of Merger, which proposed the merger of TND with TCS. The merger of TND and TCS aimed to integrate their operations, reduce administrative costs, improve access to capital and achieve greater market liquidity

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On August 30, 2004, with ANATEL approval, the Shareholders General Meeting of TCS approved the proposal of the Board of Directors for the merger of net assets of TND through the exchange of TND shares for TCS shares. In such meeting TCS was renamed TIM Participações S.A.

The merger exchange ratio was 0.9261 TCS share for each TND share outstanding. As a result, TCS issued 338,746,616,515 shares (127,594,750,755 common shares and 211,151,865,760 preferred shares). The merger of TND with TCS was recorded at book value and did not generate goodwill. Additionally, the results of operations of the merged companies were combined as if the merger had occurred on January 1, 2004.

The assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenses of TND were recorded on a line-by-line basis by TCS as of and for the eight-month period ended August 30, 2004. Therefore, TND shareholders equity of R\$881,581 was transferred to TCS, representing the balance of TND shareholders equity at December 31, 2003 of R\$877,042 plus an issuance of TND capital which occurred in January 2004 of R\$4,539.

#### 3. Presentation of the Financial Statements

## a. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles originating from Brazilian Corporate Law and in conformity with accounting requirements and procedures established by the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM), and the related rules applicable to the public telecommunication service concessionaires.

TIM Participações S.A. is a publicly-traded company and has American Depositary Receipts traded on the New York Stock Exchange - USA. Consequently, the Company is subject to the rules of the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is also required to include in its financial statements specific disclosures relating to the reconciliation between shareholders equity and net income prepared in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law and shareholders equity and net income based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). See Note 33.

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The level of disclosure in the financial statements was adjusted and expanded and certain reclassifications were made to comply with US GAAP.

#### b. Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements include assets, liabilities and the result of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, which are as follows:

of total Capital %			
2003	2004		
81.32	81.73 81.75		

Participation

TIM Sul S.A.

TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A.

All intercompany transactions and balances are eliminated upon consolidation. The main consolidation procedures are as follows:

- I. Elimination of asset and liability accounts among the consolidated companies;
- II. Elimination of the participation in capital, reserves and retained earnings of the subsidiaries;
- III. Elimination of revenues and expenses generated by transactions among the consolidated companies;
- IV. Separate disclosure of the minority interest participation in the consolidated financial statements.

#### c. Comparability of the Financial Statements

## Reclassifications in the financial statements for 2003

To allow better comparison with the financial statements for the current year, certain reclassifications were made in the financial statements for 2003. However, the amounts of said reclassifications are not material in relation to the financial statements and, as such, are not being disclosed.

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### □Pro forma information

To allow comparison of these financial statements with those for the prior year, the pro forma balance sheet and income statement are being set out as if the merger process mentioned in Note 2 had occurred at the beginning of the earlier periods presented. The pro forma information was prepared on the same basis as described in Note

2 for the merger in 2004. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. The pro formal information is being provided as directed by the Brazilian Securities Commission ( $\square CVM \square$ ).

The following is a reconciliation of net income as reported in 2003 to pro forma net income 2003:

Net income TCS as reported	120,802
Net income TND as reported	207,545
ADENE tax incentive	(50,250)
Pro forma 2003 net income	277,827

As permitted by Brazilian corporate law, the Company presented the ADENE tax incentive directly as a credit to retained earnings in the 2004 consolidated financial statements. Such incentive was recorded by TND through the statement of income in 2003.

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

ASSETS	Note	2003 Pro forma
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		37,673
Short-term investments		719,160
Accounts receivable, net	5	438,802
Inventories	6	28,621
Recoverable taxes	7	136,808
Deferred income and social contribution taxes	8	105,383
Prepaid expenses and other assets		9,536
Total current assets		1,475,983
Noncurrent Assets		
Recoverable taxes	7	21,731
Deferred income and social contribution taxes	8	231,996
Related parties	9	638
Judicial deposits	10	18,003
Other noncurrent assets		690
Permanent Assets		
Property, plant and equipment, net	11	1,364,335
Intangibles, net	12	48,028

Total assets 3,161,404

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	Note	2003 Pro forma
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13	410,408
Loans and financing	14	81.778
Accrued interest		1,872
Salaries and related charges	15	23,510
Taxes, charges and contributions	16	130,480
Concessions payable	17	38,808
Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity payable		105,092
Related parties	9	13,335
Other current liabilities		13,926
Total current liabilities		819,209
Noncurrent liabilities		
Loans and financing	14	79,232
Taxes, charges and contributions	16	58,837
Provision for contingencies	18	21,478
Pension plan	29	3,733
Minority interests		374,887
Shareholders' equity		
Capital	19	687,411
Unpaid capital		(4,539)
Special reserves	19	292,918
Income reserves	19	410,749
Retained earnings		417,489
Total shareholders□ equity		1,804,028
Total liabilities and shareholders  equity		3,161,404

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

		2003 Pro forma
Cross revenue	Note	
Gross revenue Telecommunication services Sale of goods	20 20	2,351,545 379,261
Deductions from gross revenues	20	2,730,806 (620,543)
Net revenue		2,110,263
Cost of services rendered Cost of goods sold	21 21	(741,799) (316,694)
Gross profit		1,051,770
Operating income (expenses): Selling General and administrative Equity pick-up Other operating income (expense)	22 23 24	(461,562) (193,802) (6,500) (30,604)
		(692,468)
Income before financial results		359,302
Financial income (expenses): Financial income Financial expenses Foreign exchange variations, net	25 26	238,388 (151,281) (8,037) 
Operating income		438,372
Non-operating income (loss)	27	26,661
Income before income and social contribution taxes and minority interest		465,033
Income and social contribution tax expense	8	(111,813)
Income before minority interest		353,220
Minority interest		(75,393)
Net income for the year		277,827

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## 4. Summary of Accounting Practices

#### a. Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

#### b. Short-term investments

Short-term investments represent temporary investments to be held up to the maturity dates which are generally less than one year, and are recorded at cost, as current and long term assets, plus interest earned up to the balance sheet date. The balance of short-term investments is backed by government securities (LFTs and NTN\[]s) and Bank Deposit Certificates (CDB) issued by first tier banks, subject to 104% of the Interbank Deposit Certificate (CDI) rate (16.17% at December 31, 2004 and 23.25% at December 31, 2003).

#### c. Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable from mobile telephone subscribers are calculated at the tariff rate on the date the services were rendered. Accounts receivable also include services provided to customers up to the balance sheet date but not yet invoiced and receivables from sales of handsets and accessories.

#### d. Allowance for doubtful accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded based on the customer base profile, the aging of overdue accounts, the economic scenario and the risks involved in each case. The allowance amount is considered sufficient to cover possible losses on the receivables.

## e. Inventories

Inventories include cellular handsets and accessories, which are stated at the weighted average acquisition cost and do not exceed replacement cost or realizable values.

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#### f. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at acquisition and/or construction cost, less accumulated depreciation calculated based on the straight-line method at rates that take into consideration the estimated useful lives of the assets. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of existing property, plant and equipment, which extend the useful lives of the related assets are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life.

Interest computed on debts that finance the construction of property, plant and equipment, is capitalized until the related assets become operational. Repair and maintenance costs which represent an increase in capacity or useful lives are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life.

The Company s management reviews property, plant and equipment for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset or group of assets may not be recoverable on the basis of undiscounted future cash flows. The reviews are carried out at the lowest level of asset groups to which management is able to attribute identifiable future cash flows. The Company analyzes the net book value of the underlying assets and adjusts it if the sum of the expected future cash flows is less than the net book value. These reviews have not indicated the need to recognize any impairment losses during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The useful lives of all property, plant and equipment items are regularly reviewed to reflect any technological changes.

## g. Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated at acquisition cost, net of accumulated amortization. Amortization expense is calculated based on the straight-line method over the life of the assets, which is five years.

#### h. Income tax and social contribution

Income tax is calculated based on the taxable income for the period, as determined by current legislation. Social contribution is calculated based on prevailing tax rates, considering pretax income.

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Deferred taxes related to temporary differences and tax losses are recorded as current and noncurrent assets, based on the expected realization thereof, which is reviewed every year. Only 30% of tax loss carryforwards can be used to offset taxable income in any given year.

TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A., on March 31, 2003 by approval of the Agency for Development of the Northeast Region of Brazil ADENE, became the beneficiary of the following tax incentives: (i) 75% reduction in income tax and non-refundable surtaxes, for 10 (ten) years, from 2002 to 2011, calculated on profit from tax incentive activities ("lucro da exploração") resulting from implementation of their installed capacity to render digital mobile telephony services; and (ii) reduction by 37.5%, 25% and 12.5% in income tax and refundable surtaxes, for fiscal years 2003, 2004 to 2008 and 2009 to 2013, respectively, calculated on profit from tax incentive activities resulting from the installed capacity for rendering analogical mobile telephony services. The effect of the ADENE tax incentive is recorded in the year it is granted directly in retained earnings and as a reduction in the income tax payable. The tax incentive related to 2002 was recorded in 2003, period in which it was granted.

### i. Loans and financing

The Company subsidiaries are party to certain derivative instruments, related to its US dollar denominated liabilities with the objective of hedging itself against risks associated with unexpected real/US dollar exchange rates. Gains and losses from such operations are recognized in the income statement under the accrual method, based on the rates established in the contracts.

#### j. Provision for contingencies

The provision for contingencies is recorded based on estimates which take into consideration the opinion of the Company and its subsidiaries managements and of its legal advisers, and is restated to the balance sheet date based on the probable losses at the end of the claims.

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### k. Revenue recognition

Wireless services revenue primarily includes monthly recurring charges (subscriptions), airtime (usage of telephone), roaming charges and long distance calls. Wireless services revenue is recognized based upon minutes of use processed, net of credits and adjustments for services discounts. Billings are recorded monthly and the revenues not billed between the billings date and the end of the month are identified and processed and recognized in the month the service was rendered. Revenues from prepaid services are recognized when the services are rendered to customers. Revenue and related expenses associated with the sale of wireless handsets and accessories are recognized when the products are delivered and accepted by the customer.

#### l. Financial income (expenses)

Financial income (expenses) represents interest and exchange and monetary variations related to short-term investments, hedge contracts, loans and financing received and granted.

#### m. Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense is recorded in selling and general and administrative expenses. The following are the advertising expenses for the years ending December 31:

	2002	Pro forma	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Advertising expenses	33,927	53,449	36,366	53,857	63,152

#### n. Minority interests

Minority interests correspond to the interest of the minority shareholders in the subsidiaries.

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## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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#### o. Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting practices requires management to make estimates and assumptions concerning the amounts of recorded assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the financial statement date, as well as the estimation of revenues and expenses for the period. Significant items subject to these estimates and assumptions include the residual value of property, plant and equipment, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventories, recoverability of deferred tax assets, provisions for contingencies, valuation of derivative instruments and assets and liabilities related to employee benefits. The actual results may differ from those estimates. The Company reviews the estimates and assumptions quarterly.

#### p. Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing at the transaction date. Foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities are translated into reais using the exchange rate at the balance sheet date, which is reported by the Central Bank of Brazil. Exchange gains and losses are recognized in the statement of income as they occur.

#### q. Employee profit sharing

The Company records a provision for employee profit sharing, based on the targets disclosed to its employees and approved by the Board of Directors. The related amounts are recorded as personnel expenses and allocated to profit and loss accounts considering each employee scot center.

## r. Interest on shareholders $\sqcap$ equity

Brazilian corporations are permitted to pay interest on shareholders equity, which is similar to the payment of dividends. The amount of interest is at the Company sisteration and is deductible for income tax purposes. The Company has elected to pay such interest to its shareholders with respect to the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, and has accrued the amount due, net of withholding tax, with a direct charge to shareholders equity. The distribution of such interest to shareholders is subject to withholding for income tax at the rate of 15%.

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## s. Net income per thousand shares

These amounts are calculated based on the number of outstanding shares at the balance sheet date. Thousands of shares are presented since the shares are traded in thousand share lots.

#### 5. Accounts Receivable

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Billed services	47,622	158,282	218,021
Unbilled services	46,878	83,543	95,922
Network use	63,292	122,044	129,393
Sales of handsets	91,832	129,622	216,906
	249,624	493,491	660,242
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(19,155)	(54,689)	(64,307)
	230,469	438,802	595,935

The changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts were as follows:

	2002	2002 Pro forma	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Beginning balance Provision charged to selling expense Recoveries Write-offs	6,852 30,761 - (31,080)	24,651 77,490 (66,636)	6,533 33,685 - (21,063)	35,505 91,097 - (71,913)	19,155 112,605 (10,000) (57,453)
Ending balance	6,533	35,505	19,155	54,689	64,307

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#### 6. Inventories

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Cellular handsets	15,194	25,531	41,942
Accessories and kits for prepaid cards	354	1,477	1,885
TIM chips	693	1,613	3,373
	16,241	28,621	47,200
7. Recoverable Taxes			
	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Income tax	180	64,630	12,335
Social contribution tax	77	244	2,883
State VAT (ICMS)	11,673	46,178	84,854
Federal turnover taxes (PIS / COFINS)	542	3	17,907
IRRF recoverable	23,544	46,768	19,011
Other		716	914
	36,016	158,539	137,904
Current	29,816	136,808	91,154
Noncurrent	6,200	21,731	46,750

The noncurrent portion refers to ICMS on acquisitions of property items.

## 8. Income and Social Contribution Taxes

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, based on the expectation of future taxable income, recognize tax credits arising from tax losses related to income and social contribution taxes carried forward from prior years, which have no expiration date. At December 31, 2002, 2003, 2003 pro forma and 2004, tax loss carryforwards were R\$192,582, R\$154,068, R\$120,206 and R\$102,562, respectively. The tax loss carryforwards do not expire. The use of the tax loss carryforwards is limited to 30% of the annual taxable income.

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The deferred income and social contribution taxes are comprised as follows:

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Unamortized balance of goodwill Provision for maintenance of shareholders⊓equity	340,642 (224,824)	680,087 (448,857)	531,704 (350,924)
Frovision for maintenance of snareholders equity	(224,024)	(440,037)	(330,924)
Tax benefit related to goodwill paid on privatization	115,818	231,230	180,780
Tax loss carryforwards - income tax	38,517	41,210	25,639
Tax loss carryforwards - social contribution tax	13,895	14,421	9,250
Allowance for doubtful accounts	6,513	19,451	21,865
Depreciation of handsets granted to customers	4,655	13,293	16,192
Amortization of goodwill on privatization	4,504	4,504	-
Provision for pension plan	1,270	1,270	1,257
Provision for contingencies	4,033	7,302	8,067
Other provisions	2,810	4,698	8,770
	192,015	337,379	271,820
Current	52,974	105,383	108,706
Noncurrent	139,041	231,996	163,114

The deferred tax asset related to goodwill paid on privatization is related to the future tax benefit, as a consequence of the restructuring plan started in 2000. The matching account of the referred tax benefit is a special reserve for goodwill in shareholders equity and is realized based on the estimated future profitability and the time of the concession, which is expected to terminate in 2008. The goodwill amortization is recorded in the statement of income. The amount of the goodwill amortization equals the amount of the realized portion of the special reserve for goodwill, resulting in no effect to net income.

In 2004, R\$50,450 (R\$25,288 in 2003) related to the special reserve for goodwill was realized, with an equal amount being recorded as amortization of goodwill. Also under the terms of the restructuring plan, the effective tax benefit for each fiscal year will be subsequently capitalized in the name of the controlling shareholder. The minority shareholders are ensured preemptive right on acquisition of an amount proportional to the new capital of the controlling shareholder. The special reserve for goodwill recorded by the Company□s subsidiary represents the parent company□s right on future capitalization (see Note 19.b)

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In accordance with projections made by the Company, the noncurrent portion of deferred taxes will be realized as follows:

2006	81,977
2007	50,450
2008	30,687

163,114

Income and social contribution tax expenses are as follows:

	2002	2002 Pro forma	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Current income tax	(12,124)	(54,465)	(30,387)	(80,022)	(68,648)
Current social contribution tax	(4,463)	(19,767)	(11,001)	(28,978)	(25,189)
	(16,587)	(74,232)	(41,388)	(109,000)	(93,837)
Deferred income tax	(2,114)	4,682	(759)	(2,062)	(10,762)
Deferred social contribution tax	(772)	1,675	(276)	(751)	(3,438)
	(2,886)	6,357	(1,035)	(2,813)	(14,200)
	(19,473)	(67,875)	(42,423)	(111,813)	(108,037)

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The reconciliation between income and social contribution tax expenses, tax expense calculated based on combined statutory rates, and the amount recorded in the income statement is as follows:

	2002	2002 Pro forma	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Income before income and social contribution taxes	97,813	297,344	192,982	465,033	444,085
Combined statutory rate	34%	34%	34%	34%	34%
Income and social contribution taxes at combined statutory rate	(33,256)	(101,097)	(65,614)	(158,111)	(150,989)

**Exclusions:** 

Reversal of provision for maintenance					
of shareholders equity	15,657	32,275	16,132	32,750	33,297
Goodwill amortization	(605)	(605)	(403)	(403)	(537)
Participation in affiliates	(1.450)	(2.015)	(1 105)	(2.210)	
Benefit from	(1,458)	(2,915)	(1,105)	(2,210)	-
deductibility of interest					
on shareholder∏s equity	5,780	5,780	7,001	9,941	15,601
Other	(5,591)	(1,313)	1,566	6,220	(5,409)
	13,783	33,222	23,191	46,298	42,952
Income and social contribution taxes as					
reported	(19,473)	(67,875)	(42,423)	(111,813)	(108,037)
Effective tax rate	19.91%	22.83%	21.98%	24.04%	24.33%

## 9. Related Party Transactions

At December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 the consolidated balances of related party transactions are as follows:

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	Assets	Liabilities		Income/Expenses	
	Receivables	Loan	Payables	Other Revenues	Selling costs
Maxitel S.A. (1) TIM Celular S.A. (1) Blah! S.A. (3)	11 386 -	- - -	253 2,691	2,504 386	2,784 9,302 13,824
Total 2004	397		2,944	2,890	25,910
	Assets	Liabilities		Income/Expenses	
	Receivables	Loan	Payables	Other Revenues	Selling costs
Maxitel S.A. (1) TIM Celular S.A. (1)	355	-	81 4,494	384	556

Blah! S.A. (3)	-	-	2,122	-	-
TIM International N.V. (4)	-	-	-	12,571	-
TIM Celular S.A. (1)		-	-	-	4,003
Tele Nordeste Participações S.A. (1)			70		
Total 2003	355	-	6,767	12,955	4,559

	Assets	Liabilities		Income/Expenses	
	Receivables	Loan	Payables	Other Revenues	Selling costs
Maxitel S.A. (1) TIM Celular S.A. (1)	244	-	51	355	435
Blah! S.A. (3)	-	26	162	-	-
TIM Brasil S.A. (2)	141	527	-	10	-
TIM Celular S.A. (1)	31	-	-	137	-
Tele Nordeste Participações S.A. (1)	47		54	606	530
Total 2002	463	553	267	1,108	965

- (1) related party [] controlled by TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A.
- (2) parent company
- (3) affiliated company  $\square$  up to December 2003, 20% equity investee of the Company. In 2004, controlled by TIM International N.V.

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## 10. Judicial Deposits

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
ICMS - Agreement 69/98 Civil and labor claims	11,460 645	11,460 1,845	11,830 3,305
ICMS 5% tax rate difference Tax claims	-	1,191	8,085 7,071
Other	2,834	3,507	-

14,939 18,003

30,291

For the judicial deposit related to the ICMS Agreement 69/98 claim, subsidiary TIM Sul S.A., based on the opinion of its external legal advisors, believes that there is a likelihood of a favorable outcome; therefore, no provision for contingency was recorded in relation to this issue.

## 11. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Annual depreciation		2004		
	rate %	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net balance	
Switching/transmission equipment Handsets granted to customers	14.29 50	2,395,998 158,568	(1,569,455) (106,763)	826,543 51,805	
Network infrastructure	33.33	303,237	(125,847)	177,390	
Software and hardware Assets for general use	20 10	574,541 31,727	(291,408) (15,160)	283,133 16,567	
Assets and installations in service Land Construction in progress		3,464,071 6,241 235,493	(2,108,633) - -	1,355,438 6,241 235,493	
		3,705,805	(2,108,633)	1,597,172	

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	2003			2003 Pro forma			
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net balance	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net balance	
Switching/transmission equipment Handsets granted to	1,136,892	(700,227)	436,665	2,021,651	(1,322,053)	699,598	
customers	29,043	(22,283)	6,760	105,593	(80,904)	24,689	
Network infrastructure	174,360	(78,404)	95,956	244,302	(104,290)	140,012	
Software and hardware	196,639	(102,485)	94,154	395,111	(207,900)	187,211	
Assets for general use	8,909	(4,788)	4,121	25,090	(11,277)	13,813	

Assets and installations in

service	1,545,843	(908,187)	637,656	2,791,747	(1,726,424)	1,065,323
Land	4,724	-	4,724	6,043	-	6,043
Construction in progress	53,602	-	53,602	292,969	-	292,969
	1,604,169	(908,187)	695,982	3,090,759	(1,726,424)	1,364,335

#### New technology implementation

The Company began, in the second six-month period of 2003, introducing GSM technology into their service network, as a complement to current TDMA technology. At December 31, 2004 no adjustment to the property, plant and equipment account was considered to be necessary, as a result of the new GSM technology implementation, as both technologies are to remain in operation at the companies to 2008, at least. The assets related to TDMA technology are subject to accelerated depreciation and will be fully depreciated by 2008.

The Company capitalized interest as follows:

		2002		2003		
	2002	Pro forma	2003	Pro forma	2004	
Capitalized interest	646	1,498	1,994	5,128	6,476	

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## 12. Intangibles

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Usage license, net of accumulated amortization of R\$1,889, R\$4,210 and R\$12,837 for 2003, 2003 pro			
forma and 2004, respectively	15,668	36,558	30,690
Goodwill on acquisition of additional shares in TIM Sul S.A. Other	11,450 20	11,450 20	9,870 20
	27,138	48,028	40,580

In July 2003, the subsidiaries paid R\$40,768 for licenses for radiofrequency use in connection with the general licensing plan and licenses for rendering SMP. In July 2004, TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. paid R\$2,759 for an additional license for rendering SMP.

The Company provides mobile telephone services under concession terms granted by the Federal Government. The following are the expiration dates for the concessions by state:

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Brazilian State	Expiration Date
Paraná	September 3, 2007
Santa Catarina	September 30, 2008
Rio Grande do Sul (City of Pelotas)	April 14, 2009
Pernambuco	May 15, 2009
Ceará	November 28, 2008
Paraíba	December 31, 2008
Rio Grande do Norte	December 31, 2008
Alagoas	December 15, 2008
Piauí	March 27, 2009

The concessions may be subsequently renewed for an additional period of 15 years by the granting authority, after the payment of a new concession fee which amount will be determined by the authorities at that date.

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## 13. Accounts payable and accrued expenses

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Accounts payable Network use services Accrued expenses	124,129 14,545 68,266	280,049 23,364 106,995	551,513 14,585 124,924
	206,940	410,408	691,022

The balance payable for network use services comprises: (i) use of the network of other fixed and mobile cell telephone operators, where calls are initiated in TIM network and end in the network of other operators (detraf); (ii) calls made when customers are outside their registration area, and are therefore considered a visitor in the other network (roaming); and (iii) calls made by customers when they choose another long-distance call operator  $\square$  CSP ( $\square$ cobilling $\square$ ).

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## 14. Loans and Financing

	Maturity dates	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Foreign currency [] United States dollar				
<b>Suppliers:</b> bearing exchange rate variation and interest of 7.3% p.a. Subject matter of a swap to CDI operation.	11/2005	1,601	1,601	700
<b>Eximbank</b> : refers to direct financing with the Export and Import Bank of the United States (EXIMBANK), bearing exchange rate variation and interest of 7.03% p.a., subject matter of a swap to CDI operation.	07/2004	21,552	21,552	-
European Bank of Investment: financing in the amount of US\$ 50,000 bearing interest based on the Libor rate for 3-month deposits + 1.625% p.a., subject matter of a hedging operation for which the rate is 100% of the CDI monthly variation to final maturity.	09/2005	-	79,882	41,431
Local currency				
<b>Banco do Nordeste</b> - financing in the amount of R\$ 20,000, subject to pre-fixed interest of 14% p.a.	06/2012	-	-	20,000
BNDES - National Bank for Economic and Social Development: this financing bears interest of 4% p.a., plus variation of the TJLP (long-term interest rate) as disclosed by the Central Bank of Brazil, or of the "UMBNDES" of the Basket of Currencies. The Basket of Currencies financing was the subject matter of a swap to CDI operation.	01/2007	57,975	57,975	41,295
		81,128	161,010	103,426
Current		41,696	81,778	62,206
Noncurrent		39,432	79,232	41,220

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The BNDES loans are subject to certain covenants covering specific ratios. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2003 and 2004.

Guarantees for these financing operations are as follows: Banco do Nordeste  $\square$  bank guarantee by Banco Bradesco S.A., and BNDES  $\square$  installment income from mobile cell telephone service.

Subsidiaries enter into hedging transactions to protect against devaluation of the Brazilian currency ([real]) in relation to U.S. dollar. The hedge contract amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is R\$6,092 (R\$15,280 in 2003), and the contractual term is the same as that stipulated in the financing agreement.

The noncurrent portion of loans and financings matures, as follows:

2006	22,337
2007	3,883
2008	3,333
2009	3,333
2010	3,333
Thereafter	5,001
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	41,220

## 15. Salaries and related charges

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Salaries and fees	1,820	1,820	2,067
Social charges	2,672	4,207	3,582
Labor provisions	6,574	11,715	12,168
Employees retention	519	750	881
Employees□ profit sharing	1,902	5,018	2,144
	13,487	23,510	20,842

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## 16. Taxes, Charges and Contributions

2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Corporate Income Tax and Social Contribution on net		
income 3,116	11,248	4,890
ICMS - Value-Added Tax on Sales and Services 118,114	150,644	137,617
COFINS - Tax for Social Security Financial 5,324	9,897	13,538
PIS - Employees Profit Participation Program 1,263	2,837	2,936
FISTEL - Fund for Telecommunications Inspection 3,084 FUST - Telecommunications Services Universalization	3,696	7,528
Fund 492 FUNTTEL - Fund for the Technological Development of	1,001	1,247
Telecommunications 246	500	624
IRRF - Withholding tax 4,563	8,693	17,730
Other 470	801	1,543
136,672	189,317	187,653
Current 77,835	130,480	161,648
Noncurrent 58,837	58,837	26,005

The subsidiary TIM Sul S.A., entered into an agreement with the state of Paraná to defer ICMS taxes to be paid in 48 months after the respective triggering event restated by FCA/PR (an indexation rate of the state of Paraná).

## 17. Concession Payable

			2004		
	2003	T2:003om Pro forma	TIM Nordeste unicações S.A.	TIM Sul S.A.	Total
		———	5.A.		
SMP exploration rights					
Authorizations acquired	17,557	40,768	25,970	17,557	43,527
Payments	(1,755)	(4,076)	(23,486)	(17,557)	(41,043)
Monetary adjustment	926	2,116	5,100	3,777	8,877
Balance payable	16,728	38,808	7,584	3,777	11,361

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Monetary adjustment of balances payable is based on the General Price Index  $\square$  Internal Availability (IGP-DI) variation, plus interest of 1% per month.

#### 18. Provision for Contingencies

The Company and its subsidiaries are party to certain legal proceedings (labor, fiscal and civil) arising in the normal course of their business, and have recorded provisions when management believes that it can reasonably estimate probable losses, based on the opinion of their legal advisors.

The provision for contingencies is comprised as follows:

	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Civil Tax Labor	2,570 1,529 7,764	12,743 5,012 3,723	11,356 5,616 7,545
	11,863	21,478	24,517

## Civil and labor contingencies

Civil contingencies refer to claims filed by former customers in connection with billing disputes, as well as claims for moral damages and other civil damages, while labor contingencies refer to claims filed by former employees.

#### Tax contingencies

The subsidiary TIM Sul S.A. was served delinquency notices by the state of Santa Catarina tax authorities, amounting to R\$99,321, mainly related to disputes concerning applicability of ICMS taxation on certain services provided by the subsidiary. The subsidiary is currently discussing these notices with the tax authorities and, based on the opinion of both internal and external lawyers, management concluded that probable losses to be incurred in these proceedings amount to R\$3,853.

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## **Potential litigation**

#### Litigation Arising Out of Events Prior to the Breakup of Telebrás

Telebrás and its operating subsidiaries (collectively, the Predecessor Companies), the legal predecessors of the Company and its subsidiaries, respectively, are defendants in a number of legal proceedings and subject to certain other claims and contingencies. Liability for any claims arising out of acts committed by the Predecessor Companies prior to the effective date of the spin-off of the cellular assets and liabilities of the Predecessor Companies to the Company subsidiaries remains with the Predecessor Companies, except for those liabilities for which specific accounting provisions were assigned to the Company subsidiaries. Any claims against the Predecessor Companies that are not satisfied by the Predecessor Companies could result in claims against the Company subsidiaries, to the extent that the Company subsidiaries have received assets that might have been used to settle such claims had such assets not been spun off from the Predecessor Companies.

Under the terms of the breakup of the Telebrás system, liability for any claims arising out of acts committed by Telebrás prior to the effective date of the breakup remains with Telebrás, except for labor and tax claims (for which Telebrás and the companies formed through the breakup of Telebras (the New Holding Companies) are jointly and severally liable by operation of law) and any liability for which specific accounting provisions were assigned to the Company or one of the other New Holding Companies. Management believes that the chances of claims of this nature materializing and having a material adverse financial effect on the Company are remote.

#### Litigation Related to the Use of Premium Arising Out of the Breakup of Telebrás

On April 4, 2002, a Congressman filed a lawsuit in federal court in Brasília, Federal District, against a number of governmental telecommunication entities and the New Holding Companies. The purpose of the lawsuit is to prevent the New Holding Companies from using the amortization of the goodwill paid by the New Holding Companies to the Brazilian government in the breakup of Telebrás to generate tax benefits. The Company contested this claim before the relevant federal court, and no decision had been made on this lawsuit prior to the time of filing.

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Even though the Company is unable to predict the final outcome of this lawsuit, management believes that a ruling favorable to the plaintiff is unlikely. Accordingly, no reserve was created in connection with this litigation. If an unfavorable ruling is issued against the Company, the tax benefit derived from the premiums paid will be lost, and the Company stax liability will increase. Management does not expect an unfavorable decision for this lawsuit.

#### **Rentals**

The Company rents equipment and premises through a number of agreements that expire at different dates. Total annual rent expense under these agreements which are operating leases was as follows:

		2002		2003	
		Pro		Pro	
	2002	forma	2003	forma	2004
Rent expense	16,675	21,073	4,526	20,798	24,884

At December 31, 2004, the future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable lease agreements are as follows:

2005	30,178
2006	31,819
2007	32,773
2008	34,739
2009	35,782
2010 and thereafter	36.947

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#### 19. Shareholders ☐ Equity

## a. Capital

The Company is authorized to increase its capital, through approval by a shareholders meeting, so as not to exceed 1,400 billion common or preferred shares, without the need to maintain the proportion between the shares, but keeping the legal limit of 2/3 (two thirds) for issuing preferred shares without voting rights. The limit to increase the Company capital may be modified with the approval of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

On May 7, 2004, the Shareholders[] Meeting approved a capital increase of R\$27,102 (R\$29,229 on March 18, 2003 and R\$17,633 on April 16, 2002), through the issuance of 2,745,851,522 (5,095,007,583 in 2003 and 2,169,230,189 in 2002) common shares and 4,534,299,224 (8,413,524,457 in 2003 and 3,582,198,751 in 2002) preferred shares with no par value on behalf of TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A. This capital increase was made using the tax benefit from the goodwill amortization due to the partial spin-off of the Company. For the minority shareholders, it assured the right of capitalization, considering the same conditions applied to the majority shareholder, in order to maintain its minority interest.

The subscription price per 1,000 shares was R\$3.05 (R\$1.77 in 2003 and R\$2.82 in 2002) for the common shares and R\$4.13 (R\$2.40 in 2003 and R\$3.21 in 2002) for the preferred shares.

At the same Shareholders Meeting, the shareholders approved another capital increase. As permitted by Brazilian Corporate Law, the capital increase was accomplished by transferring amounts from retained earnings, income reserve totaling R\$60,000. No capital shares were issued.

Shares with no par value represent the subscribed and paid-in capital at December 31, as follows:

	2003	2004
Number of common shares Number of preferred shares	134,452,841,454 222,025,630,268	264,793,296,882 437,711,795,252
	356,478,471,722	702,505,092,134

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The preferred shares are non-voting, except if the dividend to be paid to the holders of preferred shares is not paid for a period of three years. In such case they are entitled to full voting rights until such time as that dividend is paid in full for any year. Further, the preferred shares are entitled to priority over the common shares in the case of liquidation. The preferred shares are also entitled to preferential, noncumulative dividends calculated as the greater of (i) 6% of their nominal paid-in capital or (ii) 3% of net equity per share as per the latest approved balance sheet. Under the Brazilian Corporation Law, the number of non-voting shares or shares with limited voting rights, such as the preferred shares, may not exceed two-thirds of the total number of shares.

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This reserve was set up during the corporate reorganization process in 2000. The portion of the special reserve corresponding to the tax benefit obtained may be capitalized at the end of each fiscal year for the benefit of the controlling shareholder, with the issuance of new shares. The respective capital increase will be subject to preemptive rights of the minority shareholders, in proportion to their participation, by type and class, at the time of new issue, and the amounts payable during the year in connection with this right must be paid directly to the controlling shareholder, in accordance with CVM Instruction No. 319/99.

#### c. Income reserves

#### Legal reserve

Brazilian companies are required to appropriate 5% of their annual net income to a legal reserve until that reserve equals 20% of paid-up share capital, or 30% of nominal paid-up share capital plus capital reserves; thereafter, appropriations to this reserve are not compulsory. This reserve can only be used to increase capital or offset accumulated losses.

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#### Unearned income reserve

In conformity with Law No. 10303/01, a reserve of R\$18,838 was established by TND in 2003 for the amount of compulsory dividends, that exceeded the realized portion of net income for the year. The portion of the net income not realized was related to the tax incentives granted to TND $\Box$ s subsidiaries. TND transferred this amount to the Company in conjunction with the merger described in Note 2.

## Dividends payable reserve

During 2001, the Shareholders Meeting approved the proposal made by management for the establishment of a reserve for dividends payable, referring to the portion of declared dividends based on the December 31, 2001 balance sheet, with the objective of preserving the economic and financial equilibrium of the Company and concurrently satisfying the needs of relevant investments to meet demand. Such reserve had been fully realized at December 31, 2003. With the merger described in 2, the Company absorbed the reserve for dividends payable of TND. Such reserve was fully realized at December 31, 2004.

#### Reserve for expansion

The remaining balance of net income for the year ended December 31, 2004, adjusted as required by Law No. 6404/76, article 202, in the amount of R\$199,897, comprises the balance of the income reserve for expansion account, as determined by CVM Instruction (IN) No. 59/86, and will be used in the expansion of the Company[]s network and of its IT environment as well as of its subsidiaries. The retention is supported by a capital budget submitted by management for approval at a shareholders[] meeting.

#### Excess income reserve

As required by article 199 of Law No. 6404/76, the Company will propose a capital increase of R\$115,542 at the shareholders meeting, arising from excess income reserves in relation to capital.

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#### d. Dividends

The dividends are being calculated in accordance with the Company By-Law and with Brazilian Corporate Law. According to the Company By-Law and Brazilian Corporate Law, the Company is required to distribute as minimum dividends at each fiscal year ending December 31, considering available funds for distribution, a total amount equivalent to 25% of the adjusted net income (as described below).

For the purposes of the Brazilian Corporation Law, and in accordance with the Company[s By-Laws, [adjusted net income[ is an amount equal to the net profit adjusted to reflect allocations to or from: (i) the statutory and legal reserves, (ii) a contingency reserve for probable losses, if applicable, (iii) profit reserve for expansion, and iv) unrealized profit for reserve.

Statutory minimum dividends at December 31, 2003 and 2004 were calculated as follows:

	2003	2004
Consolidated net income for the year ADENE tax incentive	120,802	265,935 20,937
Holding company net income for the year (-) Setup of legal reserve	120,802 (6,040)	286,872 (14,343)
Adjusted net income	114,762	272,529
Compulsory dividends: 25%	28,691	68,132
Interest on shareholders' equity, net of withholding income tax Supplementary dividends	10,200 18,491	25,500 42,632
	28,691	68,132

Realization of special dividends reserve	8,655	2,300
Total proposed dividends and interest on shareholders' equity	37,346	70,432

The merged company Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. paid dividends of R\$30,454 in 2003.

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The dividends for 2004, amounting to R\$68,132, will be paid to shareholders at the date of the Shareholders General Meeting which approves net income for the current year.

	2003	2004
Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity per 1,000 shares (in Brazilian reais)		
Common shares	0.1047	0.0970
Preferred shares	0.1047	0.0970
The realized portion of the special reserve for dividends payable for shareholders at Ap	ril 5, 2002,	was as follow:
	2003	2004
Dividends and interest on shareholders□ equity per 1,000 shares (in Brazilian reais)		
Common shares	0.0286	0.0033
Preferred shares	0.0286	0.0033

## e. Stock option plan

On May 2, 2001, the Company\( \) shareholders approved a stock option plan with the following objectives:

- to retain the services and advice of key employees, upon whose judgment, initiative and efforts the Company depends;
- ii) to make available to key employees certain compensatory arrangements based on market value increase; and
- iii) to align generally the interests of key employees and the interests of shareholders.

The Board of Executive Officers may authorize future capital increases, within the limit of the authorized capital, with the issuance of preferred shares for the benefit of the directors and key officers. The amount of shares that may be issued under the stock option plan is limited to 1.5% of the Company capital stock on May 2, 2001. The maximum number of shares that can be granted under the stock option plan is 4,073,000.

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The option exercise price per 1,000 Preferred Shares was set at R\$4.27, the closing price of 1,000 Preferred Shares at the São Paulo Stock Exchange ([Bovespa]), on May 2, 2001. The stock option plan has a four-year term and will expire in 2005. No option may be exercised after four years from the date it was granted.

The options may not be exercised before one year from the date they are granted. The exercise of the option may occur in the end of the fourth year after the granted date, but can be accelerated depending upon the achievement of certain results, which are based on certain EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes).

During 2004 and 2003, no option granted to the Company□s key employees was exercised. At December 31, 2004, the closing price per 1,000 preferred shares was R\$4.05 (R\$4.13 in 2003) at the São Paulo Stock Exchange, which price was lower than the option exercise price per 1,000 preferred shares at the grant date.

On May 4, 2001, the shareholders of TND also approved the creation of stock option plan. During 2003, 27,000 preferred shares were issued upon the exercise of 27,000 options for proceeds of R\$86. In January 2004, 1,413,754 preferred shares were issued upon exercise of 1,413,754 options for proceeds of R\$4,539.

On the date of acquisition of TND, there were approximately 643,000 TND options outstanding. The Board of Directors approved the exchange of TND stock options for the Company stock options on a 1: 0.9261 basis, resulting in approximately 595,000 Company options. The new optionholders received the right to exercise the Company options in April 2005 at an exercise price of R\$3.37.

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#### 20. Net Operating Revenues

	2002	2003	2003 Pro Forma	2004
Revenue from telecommunications services				
Subscription charges	197,307	224,178	358,347	358,178
Use charges	395,189	448,349	1,048,746	1,246,666
Network use	341,496	397,107	783,473	822,576
Long distance charges	-	39,331	79,278	202,963
Value Added Services - VAS	14,577	34,621	56,362	118,396
Other	28,060	15,886	25,339	33,624
	976,629	1,159,472	2,351,545	2,782,403

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Sales of goods	174,879	255,716	379,261	646,772
Deductions Taxes Discounts Other	(214,723) (38,307) (1,654)	(266,119) (60,732) (55)	(554,265) (60,819) (5,459)	(723,716) (134,253) (6,574)
	(254,684)	(326,906)	(620,543)	(864,543)
	896,824	1,088,282	2,110,263	2,564,632

#### 21. Cost of Services Rendered and Goods Sold

	2002	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Personnel Third-party services Interconnection charges Depreciation and amortization Telecommunications supervision fund Other	(8,965) (17,392) (133,213) (164,362) (938) (316)	(10,111) (26,398) (143,362) (169,454) (1,522) (4,345)	(18,869) (43,141) (353,653) (310,973) (2,629) (12,534)	(23,158) (54,800) (334,630) (351,018) (2,987) (17,640)
Cost of services rendered	(325,186)	(355,192)	(741,799)	(784,233)
Cost of goods sold	(161,197)	(221,722)	(316,694)	(508,837)

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## 22. Selling Expenses

			2003 Pro	
	2002	2003	forma	2004
Personnel Third-party services Allowance for doubtful accounts Telecommunications supervision fund Depreciation and amortization	(20,388) (94,888) (30,761) (24,642) (13,802)	(26,421) (124,259) (33,685) (32,137) (13,189)	(40,535) (224,512) (91,097) (64,281) (36,825)	(55,152) (318,778) (112,605) (95,624) (46,103)
Other	(965) (185,446)	(230,488)	(4,312) (461,562)	(19,015)

## 23. General and Administrative Expenses

	2002	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Personnel Third-party services Depreciation and amortization Other	(19,823) (35,808) (21,814) (5,901)	(19,633) (43,355) (24,364) (7,525)	(89,111) (41,463)	(37,349) (91,392) (40,133) (13,568)
	(83,346)	(94,877)	(193,802)	(182,442)

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## 24. Other Operating Income (Expenses)

	2002	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Income				
Telecommunication service fines	3,478	3,553	8,396	10,993
Prescribed dividends	-	1,317	2,986	1,069
Reversal of provision for contingencies Reversal of provision for market value	-	-	7,349	3,223
adjustment of inventories	646	1,784	1,784	_
Recovery of doubtful accounts	-	-	-	10,000
Other	10,519	2,620	17,259	6,687
	14,643	9,274	37,774	31,972
Expenses				
Taxes	(521)	(472)	(956)	(5,907)
Goodwill amortization Amortization of goodwill on	(1,779)	(2,671)	(2,671)	(1,581)
privatization	(25,250)	(25,288)	(50,469)	(50,450)
Amortization of concession	-	(1,889)	(4,210)	(8,626)
Provision for contingencies	(2,533)	(4,024)	(5,319)	(13,654)
Other	(5,023)	(3,352)	(4,753)	(5,491)
	(35,106)	(37,696)	(68,378)	(85,709)

Other operating income (expenses), net (20,463) (28,422) (30,604) (53,737)

#### 25. Financial Income

	2002	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Interest accrued on short-term investments Monetary adjustment Interest from customers Other	55,473 - 6,602 2,174	100,936 4,221 5,793 816	187,822 19,791 10,560 20,215	103,567 7,313 17,520 5,213
	64,249	111,766	238,388	133,613

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## 26. Financial Expenses

	2002	2003	2003 Pro forma	2004
Interest on loans and financing PIS/COFINS on financial income Monetary adjustment Interest on taxes and charges CPMF Other	(50,071) (7,126) - (8,387) (5,367) (1,617)	(41,958) (12,260) (2,288) (12,125) (7,091) (5,554)	(79,399) (21,349) (5,583) (12,209) (12,880) (19,861)	(2,224) (15,957) (5,540) (4,597) (13,636) (26,847)
	(72,568)	(81,276)	(151,281)	(68,801)

## 27. Non-Operating Income (Loss)

		2003	
		Pro	
2002	2003	forma	2004

Income

Investment disposals Fixed asset disposals Other non-operating income	2,379 -	19,500 1,193 -	39,000 2,351 2,155	898 1,977 -
	2,379	20,693	43,506	2,875
Expenses Cost of investments disposed of Cost of fixed asset disposals of Other non-operating expenses	(334) (2,172)	(6,929) (921) (1)	(13,858) (1,673) (1,314)	(1,517) (5,950)
	(2,506)	(7,851)	(16,845)	(7,467)
Non-operating income (loss)	(127)	12,842	26,661	(4,592)

On December 18, 2003, the Company and the merged company sold their participation in Blah! S.A., resulting in a consolidated pro forma gain of R\$25,142.

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#### 28. Financial Instruments

The Company and its subsidiaries carry out transactions involving financial instruments with the purpose of reducing risks related to market, exchange rates and interest. Such risks are controlled by specific policies, the establishment of operating limits and strategies, and other techniques for the monitoring of the positions.

The estimated market value of financial instruments, mainly cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and short-term financial instruments approximates the accounting value because of the short maturity of such instruments.

At December 31, 2004, the Company and its subsidiaries invested their financial resources mainly in investments backed by Interbank Deposit Certificates (CDI). There are no financial assets indexed to a foreign currency.

The estimated fair value of long-term loans and financings are based on interest rates as of December 31, 2004 for transactions with similar characteristics, as below.

	2003			03 orma	2004	
	Book Value	Fair Value	Book Value	Fair Value	Book Value	Fair Value
Loans and financing	81,128	81,670	161,010	156,696	103,426	102,611

Loans and financing

The fair values of loans and financing, determined through future cash flows and use of interest rate applicable to instruments with a similar nature, involve the same conditions and risks or are based on market quotations for these securities.

#### Limitations

The market values were estimated for a certain period, based on significant market information. Changes in assumptions may affect significantly the estimates presented.

#### Risk factors

The risk factors affecting the Company and its subsidiaries instruments are the following:

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#### (i) Exchange and interest rates risk

The exchange and interest rates risk relates to the possibility of the Company and its subsidiaries computing losses resulting from fluctuations in exchange and interest rates, thus increasing debt balances of loans obtained in the market and the corresponding financial charges. In order to mitigate this kind of risk, the Company carries out hedge contracts with financial institutions.

At December 31, 2004, a portion of Company loans and financing was denominated in U.S. dollars or indexed to the <code>[UMBNDES[]</code> exchange variance of a basket of currencies and 100% of the loans and financing were covered by hedge contracts. The income or loss resulting from these hedge contracts is charged to operating results.

#### (ii) Credit operating risk

The risk is related to the possibility of the Company and its subsidiaries computing losses originating from the difficulty in collecting the amounts billed to customers, which are represented by traders of prepaid telephone cards and distributors of cellular equipment. In order to have this risk reduced, the Company and its subsidiaries perform credit analyses to assist the risk management in respect to collection problems and monitors the accounts receivable from subscribers, blocking the telephony ability in case customers do not pay their bills. With respect to distributors, the Company maintains individual credit limits, based on potential sales analyses, risk history and risk with collection problems.

#### (iii) Credit risk related to the sale of telephone sets

The policy adopted by the Company subsidiaries for the sale of telephone sets and distribution of prepaid telephone cards is directly related to the risk of credit levels accepted during the normal course of business. The selection of partners, the diversification of the accounts payable portfolio, the monitoring of loan conditions, the positions and limits of requests established for traders, the constitution of security interests are procedures adopted by the subsidiaries to minimize possible collection problems with its commercial partners.

#### (iv) Financial credit risk

This risk relates to the possibility of the Company and its subsidiaries computing losses originating from the difficulty in realizing its short-term investments and hedge contracts.

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The Company and its subsidiaries minimize the risk associated to these financial instruments by investing in well-reputed financial institutions.

There is no concentration of available resources of work, service, concessions or rights that have not been mentioned above that could, if eliminated suddenly, severely impact the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries.

#### 29. Pension Plan - TIMPREV

Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (TND) and Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A.(TCS) and their respective subsidiaries, collectively called TIM Participações S.A. after the merger described in Note 2, sponsor a defined benefits pension plan for a group of employees from the former Telebrás system, as a result of legal provisions established at the time of that company□s privatization in July 1998. The plan is administered by the Fundação Sistel de Seguridade Social □ Sistel.

During 1999 and 2000, each sponsor of the plans managed by SISTEL began creating their own individual retirement plans. The sponsors maintained the joint plan only for those participants who had retired prior to January 31, 2000. During 2002, the Company began structuring a defined contribution plan that would permit a migration to such plan to the employees under the defined benefit plan.

On November 13, 2002, through Notification 1,917 CGAJ/SPC, the Secretary of Complementary Pension approved the new defined contribution pension plan, TIMPREV, which provides new conditions for the granting and maintenance of benefits, as well as the rights and obligations of the Plan Administration Entity, the Sponsors, the Participants and their respective beneficiaries.

Over 90% of the TND and TCS participants of the prior plan migrated to the new plan through the deadline for migration on January 29, 2003.

Under the new plan, the Company matches employee contributions at 100%. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the approved plan, TIMPREV provides the benefits listed below:

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- Regular retirement pension
- Anticipated retirement pension
- Disability pension
- Deferred proportional benefit
- Death pension

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the contributions to TIMPREV totaled R\$538, namely R\$340 by TIM Nordeste Telecomunicações S.A. and R\$198 by TIM Sul S.A. (R\$140 by TND and subsidiaries and R\$188 by TCS and subsidiaries in 2003).

However, as there was not a complete migration of the employees to TIMPREV, the pension and health care plans originated from the Telebrás system continue to exist and are summarized below:

PBS : Sistel pension plan, which has the characteristic of a defined benefit plan and includes the active employees that were part of the plans sponsored by the companies comprised by Telebrás system;

PBS Assistidos: multi-employer pension plan for inactive employees;

Convênio de Administração : agreement for management of pension payments to retirees and those receiving pensions of the predecessor to the Company and its subsidiaries.

PAMEC: supplementary medical plan for employees and to the retirees of the predecessor to the Company and its subsidiaries.

PBT: defined benefit pension plan for the retirees of the predecessor to the Company and its subsidiaries.

PAMA: shared-cost medical plan for retired employees and their dependents.

The actuarial position of assets and liabilities related to pension and health care plans as of December 31, 2004 is shown below, considering the rules defined in IBRACON NPC-26, as approved by CVM Instruction 371 for the plans existing prior to TIMPREV, and which still have active members.

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#### a) Effects as of December 31, 2004:

Plans				Total	l 		
PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	PBT	PAMA	2004	2003

Reconciliation between assets and liabilities at 12/31/04 Present value of actuarial liabilities on								
benefits Present value of actuarial	20,762	4,149	764	64	1,267	1,846	28,852	28,336
liabilities Fair value of	20,762	4,149	764	64	1,267	1,846	28,852	28,336
plan assets	(30,163)	(5,396)	(1,578)	(160)	(1,657)	(1,383)	(40,337)	(35,974)
Present value of liabilities in excess of fair value of plan assets	(9,401)	(1,247)	(814)	(96)	(390)	463	(11,485)	(7,638)
Net actuarial liabilities (assets)	(9,401)	(1,247)	(814)	(96)	(390)	463	(11,485)	(7,638)

## b) Changes in net actuarial liabilities (assets)

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	PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	PBT	PAMA
Actuarial liabilities (assets) as of 12/31/03 Expenses (income) recognized in the prior	(6,969)	(777)	(733)	37	(307)	1,109
year Sponsor s contributions Recognized actuarial	(803) (82)	(89)	(90)	4	(42)	149 (20)
(gains) losses	(1,547)	(381)	9	(137)	(41)	(775)
Net actuarial liabilities (assets) as of 12/31/04	(9,401)	(1,247)	(814)	(96)	(390)	463

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## c) Statement of losses (gains)

#### **Plans**

	PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	PBT	PAMA
(Gain) loss on actuarial liabilities (Gain) loss on plan assets (Gain) loss on employees□ contributions	163 (1,744) 34	52 (433)	(47) 56	(133) (4)	(96) 55	(913) 138
(Gain) loss as of 12/31/04	(1,547)	(381)	9	(137)	(41)	(775)
Corridor calculation (10% of equity and liabilities)	3,016	539	158	16	166	185

## d) Reconciliation of present value of liabilities

## **Plans**

	PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	PBT	PAMA
Value of liabilities as of 12/31/03	19,516	3,987	789	177	1,322	2,545
Cost of current service	242	-	-	2	-	26
Interest on actuarial liabilities	2,137	433	85	20	143	283
Benefits paid during the year	(1,296)	(323)	(62)	-	(102)	(93)
Liabilities	163	52	(48)	(135)	(96)	(915)
Value of liabilities as of 12/31/04	20,762	4,149	764	64	1,267	1,846

## e) Reconciliation of fair value of assets

#### **Plans**

	PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	РВТ	PAMA
Fair value of assets as of 12/31/03 Benefits paid during the year	26,485 (1,296)	4,764 (323)	1,522 (62)	140	1,629 (102)	1,436 (92)
Participants contributions Sponsor scontributions	72 83	-	-	-	-	20
Actual yield of plan assets in the year	4,819	955	118	20	130	19
Value of liabilities as of 12/31/04	30,163	5,396	1,578	160	1,657	1,383

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#### f) Expenses expected for 2005

#### **Plans**

	PBS	PBS Assistidos	Convênio de Administração	PAMEC	PBT	PAMA
Cost of current service (plus interest) Interest on actuarial liabilities Expected yield of plan assets	207 2,271 (5,388)	- 449 (636)	- 83 (254)	- 7 (26)	- 137 (263)	24 206 (222)
Total expenses recognized	(2,910)	(187)	(171)	(19)	(126)	8
Estimated employees□ contributions for the next years	(34)	-				-
Total net expenses (income) to be recognized	(2,944)	(187)	(171)	(19)	(126)	8

#### Actuarial assumptions adopted in the calculation

The main actuarial assumptions adopted in the calculation were as follows:

Nominal discount rate of actuarial

liabilities: 11.30% p.a.

Estimated nominal yield rate of

plan assets: 18.20% p.a.

Estimated nominal rate of salary

increase:

Estimated nominal rate of benefit

increase: 5.00% p.a.

Biometric general mortality table: UP84 with a 1 year complexity segregated by gender

7.10% p.a.

Biometric disability table: Mercer Disability Table

Estimated turnover rate: Nil

Retirement likelihood: 100% upon first eligibility to a plan benefit

Estimated long-term inflation rate 5.00%

Computation method Projected Credit Unit Method

#### **Supplementary pension**

As successor in the partial spin-off of Telecomunicações do Paraná S.A.  $\square$  TELEPAR, the Company sponsors the supplementary pension plan established in 1970 under a Collective Agreement ratified by the Atypical Contractual Relationship Agreement entered into by the Company and labor unions representing the then existing professional categories.

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The agreement encompasses 86 employees hired before December 31, 1982, who are entitled to additional retirement benefits, only if they retire after having worked for the minimum time required for retirement (30 years for men and 25 years for women).

In June 1998, after the breakup of Telebrás, the Company opted for the extinction of this additional pension plan. As a consequence of the extinction of the plan, the Company allowed its participants to receive a payment in cash for the accumulated benefits or to transfer them to the PBS-A-Sistel plan. Most participating employees opted for the cash payment, which resulted in a disbursement of nearly R\$7,000 in 1998. The remaining provisioned amount of R\$3,697 at December 31, 2004 (R\$3,733 in 2003) will be used to cover the benefits of those employees who have not opted yet (4 employees on December 31, 2003 and 2004).

#### 30. Directors Fees

Amounts paid to the board of directors were the following at December 31:

	2002	2003	2004
Directors□ fees	2,389	2,223	1,127

#### **31. Insurance** (unaudited)

As of December 31, 2004, the Company and its subsidiaries have insurance cover against fire and sundry perils for inventories and fixed assets. Management considers the amounts sufficient to cover any losses, based on the risks and amounts involved.

#### 32. Commitments

Under the terms of the Authorization for Mobile Personal Service (SMP) Exploitation, the subsidiaries are obligated to implement mobile personal telecommunications, in phases and within the quality standards established in such authorization, to cover their respective assigned regions. If the terms of the authorization are not met, the subsidiaries are subject to penalties.

Anatel initiated administrative proceedings against the Company subsidiaries for non-compliance with certain quality of service obligations under the Personal Communications Services (PCS) authorizations in the years 2003 and 2004. The Company submitted to Anatel a petition explaining that the non-compliance with certain quality standards was due mainly to the migration from the Cellular Mobile Service (SMC) regime to the PCS regime, the change in the long distance calling system as well as the overlay of the GSM network. The Company cannot predict the outcome of the Anatel proceedings at this time but Company management does not believe that an unfavorable outcome will cause a material adverse effect on it financial position or results of operations.

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#### 33. Reconciliation between Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP

## I Description of differences between Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP

The Company□s consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law, whose accounting practices and policies are described in Note 4. Such practices and policies differ significantly from US GAAP. The tables below represent the reconciliation between the Company□s consolidated income and net equity under Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP:

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#### Reconciliation of the differences between Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP in net income:

	Reference to notes	2002	2003	2004
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Net income under Brazilian Corporate Law Consolidated adjustments for US GAAP:		65,774	120,802	265,935
Effects of merger with TND:  Net income of TND under Brazilian Corporate Law		118,574	157,025	_
Portion under common control:		110,574	137,023	
Amortization of customer list and concession	20.7	(4.4.740)	(0.707)	(0.707)
(acquisition by TIM Brasil in 1998)  Portion acquired from third parties::	33.I.a	(14,713)	(9,727)	(9,727)
Additional amortization and depreciation expense,				
net of tax, from write-up to fair value	33.I.a	-	-	(25,281)
Transaction costs	33.I.a		_	8,557
Deferred tax on the effects of merger with TND	35.I.a	5,003	3,307	11,903
Other consolidated adjustments for US GAAP:				
Depreciation and amortization of the effect of				
indexation	22.1.	(10.104)	(12.000)	(10.275)
for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997	33.I.b	(12,124) 590	(12,069)	(10,275)
Capitalized interest	33.I.c		1,239	1,386
Amortization of capitalized interest	33.I.c	(2,619)		(4,125)
Pre-operating expenses of Blah! (formerly Timnet.com)	33.I.d	6,490	7,522	445
Provision for pension plan	33.I.e	2,011	32,302	445
Financial instruments	33.I.g	(21,424)	17,115	(3,499)
Goodwill amortization	33.I.i	1,779	1,581	1,581
Reversal of gain on sale of Blah!	33.I.k	-	(25,142)	- (4.4.000)
Asset retirement obligations	33.I.l	-	(18,561)	(14,009)
Handset discounts	33.I.m	-	-	(36,684)
Enacted rates of social contribution	33.I.f	24,180	-	-
Deferred tax on the other consolidated adjustments	00.7	8,601	(585)	22,161
ADENE tax incentive	33.I.n	-	50,520	20,937

Minority interest on the other consolidated adjustments	33.I.o	(1,374)	(3,858)	4,036
Net income under US GAAP		180,748	318,631	233,341

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# Reconciliation of the differences between Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP in shareholders $\[ \]$ equity:

	Reference to notes	2003	2004
Shareholders' Equity under Brazilian Law Consolidated adjustments for US GAAP:		926,986	2,020,507
Effects of merger with TND: Total shareholders' equity of TND under Brazilian Corporate Law		877,042	-
<u>Portion under common control:</u> Effects of acquisition of TND by TIM Brasil in 1998 <u>Portion acquired from third parties:</u>	33.I.a	167,616	157,889
Write-up to fair value from acquisition of minority interest Additional amortization and depreciation expense resulting	33.I.a	-	336,268
from write-up to fair value Transaction costs	33.I.a	-	(25,281) 8,557
Deferred tax on the effects of merger with TND Other consolidated adjustments for US GAAP:		(16,536)	(118,965)
Effect of the indexation for the years ended December 31,1996 and 1997  Depreciation and amortization of the effect of the indexation for the	33.I.b	123,306	123,206
years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997	33.I.b	(107,468)	(117,643)
Sub-total		15,838	5,563
Capitalized interest Amortization of capitalized interest Provision for pension plan Financial instruments Goodwill amortization Corporate reorganization  acquisition of minority interest Handset discounts Asset retirement obligations:	33.I.c 33.I.c 33.I.e 33.I.g 33.I.i 33.I.j 33.I.m	22,382 (5,273) (445) 4,314 3,360 14,520	23,768 (9,398) - 815 4,941 14,520 (36,684)

Shareholders' equity under US GAAP		1,964,605	2,349,490
Minority interest on the other consolidated adjustments	33.I.o	(19,288)	(15,251)
Effect of deferred taxes on the other consolidated adjustments		(7,350)	14,811
Liability for asset retirement obligations	33.I.l	(77,646)	(98,879)
Accumulated accretion	33.I.l	(18,561)	(32,570)
Property, plant and equipment	33.I.l	77,646	98,879

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#### a. Acquisition of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A.

As explained in Note 2, the Company acquired Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (TND) on August 30, 2004 (acquisition date).

Under Brazilian GAAP, assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination effected through an exchange of shares are recorded at book value as of the date of acquisition. No goodwill or other fair value adjustments are recorded. Additionally, in the year of acquisition, the results of operations of the acquired company are included in the results of operations of the acquirer for the entire year.

Under U.S. GAAP, net assets acquired in a business combination are recorded at fair value on the acquisition date. The difference between the purchase price and the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill or negative goodwill. Goodwill is not subject to amortization, but is periodically assessed for impairment. Negative goodwill should proportionally allocated to certain non-current assets acquired. Business combinations of companies under common control are accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interest based on the historical carrying values of the assets and liabilities of the acquired company. Additionally, the financial statements of the companies under common control are presented on a combined basis for all periods they are under common control.

For US GAAP purposes, as both the Company and TND are majority owned by TIM Brasil, a common controlling shareholder, the exchange of shares for the purpose of the merger of TND with and into the Company was considered a business combination of companies under common control and was accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interest. Accordingly, such exchange of shares, as it related to the portion under common ownership (23.73%) was accounted for at historical carrying values. The portion acquired from third parties (76.27%) was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting (at fair value) on a pro rata basis.

The following is a summary of the shares issued for each portion of the acquisition:

	Preferred Shares	Common Shares
Portion under common control	12,632,514,437	68,241,477,597

Portion acquired from third parties	198,519,351,323	59,353,273,158
Total	211,151,865,760	127,594,750,755

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With respect to the acquisition of minority interest, the merger occurred on the acquisition date. With respect to the portion of the merger under common control, the merger was reflected from 1998, the date TIM Brasil acquired control of both the Company and TND. Therefore, for all periods presented, the Company and TND financial statements have been combined. The effects of the acquisition of the portion from third parties are reflected from September 1, 2004.

#### Portion Under Common Control

In 1998, TIM Brasil acquired ownership control of TND and recorded intangible assets and goodwill in the amount of R\$640,699 as follows:

Customer list	24,932
Concession	107,000
Goodwill	508,767
Total	640,699

The amount of goodwill not allocated was amortized up to December 31, 2001 in accordance with SFAS 142, considering a period of 11 years based on the remaining period of the concession. In 2000, TIM Brasil concluded a restructuring process in which an amount of R\$204,781, related to the fiscal benefit of such goodwill, was pushed down to TND, which was recorded as deferred tax assets. The intangible assets related to customer list and concession have been amortized since 1998. Therefore, for US GAAP purposes and in connection with the merger, the remaining goodwill recorded by TIM Brasil related to TND was pushed down to the Company. As of December 31, 2003 and 2004, the effect of the push down was as follows:

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	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2004
Total amount acquired in 1998 Fiscal benefit resulting from goodwill pushdown Accumulated amortization of goodwill, amortized up to	640,699 (204,781)	640,699 (204,781)
December 31, 2001 Accumulated amortization of customer list, fully amortized	(185,006)	(185,006)
by December 31, 2002 Accumulated amortization of concession	(24,932) (58,364)	(24,932) (68,091)
Deferred tax liability related to concession	167,616 (16,536)	157,889 (13,229)
Total effect of push down	151,080	144,660

The adjustments to reflect the additional amortization expense under US GAAP for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 from the write-up to fair value for the acquisition of TND by TIM Brasil in 1998 were R\$ 14,713, R\$ 9,727 and R\$ 9,727, respectively.

- Customer list of R\$24,932 with annual amortization expense of R\$4,986 was fully amortized by December 31, 2002.
- Concession of R\$107,000 with annual amortization expense of R\$9,727 is being amortized over its useful life of 11 years.
- Goodwill of R\$ 508,767 was amortized up to December 31, 2001 and in accordance with SFAS 142, beginning in 2002 this goodwill was not subject to amortization.

#### Portion Acquired from Third Parties

For US GAAP purposes, the value of the shares issued for the portion acquired from third parties was determined based on the average market price of  $TCS_{3}$  shares over the 2-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced (June 1, 2004). The purchase price for the acquisition of the interest held by third parties of R\$960,092 was calculated as follows:

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Fair market value of TCS shares issued to third party shareholders (198,519,351,323 preferred shares x R\$0.003843 per share, and 59,353,273,158 common shares x R\$0.003148 per share) Fair value of options held by TND employees Acquired business acquisition costs	949,755 1,780 8,557
Purchase price	960,092
The purchase price of the transaction related to the third parties was allocated as follows:	
Fair value increments: Property, plant and equipment Concession Customer list Deferred tax liability	58,264 121,319 156,685 (114,331)
Adjustments to fair value Remaining net book value of identifiable net asset acquired and liabilities	221,937
assumed which approximates fair value	738,155
Purchase price	960,092

The balances of the fair value increments and the related deferred income taxes at December 31, 2004 were:

	Property, plant and equipment	Concession	Customer list
Cost	58,264	121,319	156,685
Accumulated amortization/depreciation	(3,238)	(8,987)	(13,056)
	55,026	112,332	143,629
Deferred income taxes	18,709	38,193	48,834

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The additional amortization and depreciation expense resulting from the write-up to fair value of the above-mentioned fair value increments under US GAAP was R\$25,281 (R\$16,686, net of tax) in 2004.

- Customer list of R\$156,685 with annual amortization expense of R\$39,171 is being amortized over its useful life of 4 years.
- Concession of R\$121,319 with annual amortization expense of R\$26,960 is being amortized over its useful life of 4.5 years.

The Company incurred transaction costs of R\$11,220 associated with the merger. These costs include fees paid to investment bankers, attorneys and accountants. These costs were fully expensed for Brazilian GAAP purposes. For US GAAP purposes, the Company included those costs related to the portion of the transaction subject to purchase accounting, R\$8,557, in the acquisition cost.

The following table summarizes unaudited pro forma financial information for the current year and the prior year assuming the TND acquisition of the portion from third parties occurred at the beginning of the years presented. This pro forma financial information is for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of actual results that would have been reported had the TND acquisition of the portion from third parties occurred at the beginning of each year and it is not necessarily indicative of future results.

	2003	2004
Net revenue	2,110,263	2,527,948
Net income	268,573	199,970
Basic and diluted common EPS per thousand shares	0.394	0.286
Basic and diluted preferred EPS per thousand shares	0.394	0.286

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## b. Inflation accounting for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, the Company discontinued accounting for the effects of inflation as of December 31, 1995. As of January 1, 1996, the carrying value of all non-monetary assets and liabilities became their historical cost basis. Under U.S. GAAP, Brazil was still considered to be a highly inflationary economy until July 1, 1997 and, based on discussions at the meeting of the International Task Force of the AICPA, the Company continued to record the effects of inflation using the IGP index up to 1997.

The U.S. GAAP adjustment represents the amortization of the restatement of fixed assets, which resulted from the inflation accounting to income applied during 1996 and 1997.

#### c. Capitalization of interest and the respective amortization

According to Brazilian Corporate Law applicable to the telecommunications sector through December 31, 1998, (i) the interest attributable to construction in progress was calculated at 12% per year on the balance of construction in progress (ii) the portion related to interest on third-party loans was credited to financial expenses on the basis of actual financial costs and (iii) the balance related to the Company sown capital was credited to shareholders equity. In 1999, the Company and its subsidiaries started to capitalize interest on specific loans based on the respective interest rates, related to financing for construction in progress.

For US GAAP purposes, interest on loans is capitalized up to the total of construction in progress. The credit is a reduction of financial expenses. Additionally, the amount of capitalized interest excludes foreign exchange gains and losses on foreign currency borrowing.

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The effects of these different criteria for capitalizing and amortizing capitalized interest are presented below:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
Capitalized interest difference			
US GAAP capitalized interest: Less Brazilian Corporate Law capitalized interest:	2,088 (1,498)	6,367 (5,128)	7,862 (6,476)
US GAAP difference	590	1,239	1,386
Amortization of capitalized interest difference			
Brazilian amortization of capitalized interest: Less US GAAP amortization of capitalized interest:	17,011 (19,630)	18,201 (21,041)	13,440 (17,565)
US GAAP difference	(2,619)	(2,840)	(4,125)

#### d. Pre-operating expenses

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, pre-operating expenses incurred may be deferred until the commercial operations begin. Subsequently all costs related to the organization and start-up of a new business may be capitalized to the extent that they are considered recoverable. The amounts are amortized over a period of five to ten years.

Under U.S. GAAP, the rules are generally more restrictive as to the costs that can be capitalized and the periods over which such costs are amortized and these expenses are normally charged to operations.

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#### e. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

As discussed in Note 29, the Company and its subsidiaries sponsor pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plans. Through December 31, 1999 all plans were considered to be multi-employer defined benefits plans, in which the Company and its subsidiaries contribute towards the pension and other post-retirement benefits on the basis of a fixed percentage of salary, as annually recommended by independent actuaries. For the purposes of the financial statements under the accounting practices established by Brazilian Corporate Law and for US GAAP purposes, the companies recognized the expenses for the contributions to the multi-employer defined plans on the accrual basis and disclose their annual contributions.

In December 1999, the Company announced its intention to withdraw from the plans sponsored by all the companies belonging to the Telebrás system covering active employees while remaining jointly and severally liable solely for the obligations under the pension and health care plans covering retirees and their dependants. In the consolidated financial statements under Brazilian Corporate Law this change had no accounting impact and the contributions to the plans sponsored exclusively by the Company are still recognized as expenses on the accrual basis.

For US GAAP purposes, since the sponsors decided to split-off the total assets and related actuarial obligations for the multi-employer plan prior to December 31, 1999 the Company recognized a contingent liability, which was probable and estimable, for the accrued pension cost as of such date. The funded status of those plans was recognized as of December 31, 1999, in shareholders equity and in net income for the year, as required by SFAS 87 [Employer]s Accounting for Pensions and SFAS 106 [Employer]s Accounting for Postretirement Benefits and Than Pensions. The provisions of SFAS 87 concerning the calculation of the funded status were applied with effect from January 1, 1992, since it was impossible to apply them from the effective date specified in the standard. As the majority of participants migrated to a defined contribution pension plan, TIMPREV, in 2003, an amount of R\$(1,416) related to curtailment and R\$31,830 related to settlement was reversed for US GAAP.

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#### f. Using enacted rates of social contribution tax

Both the accounting principles under Brazilian Corporate Law and US GAAP adopt the liability method to record the effects of income tax. Under the Brazilian constitution, the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil may issue provisional measures having the force of law for 30 days or less, which is only enacted after approval by Congress. Provisional measures are frequently re-issued by the President after the 30-day period.

On December 31, 1999 and 2000, the enacted social contribution rate was 8%; however, provisional measures set forth rates of 12% for the period from May 1, 1999 to January 31, 2000 and 9% for the period from February 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002. To calculate deferred taxes, the accounting principles under the Brazilian Corporate Law determine the use of the tax rate applicable for the estimated period of realization of the temporary differences or tax losses to be compensated. When applying such rules, the provisional measures that made changes to the tax rates are considered substantially approved and used to calculate deferred taxes.

Additionally, effective 1999, the COFINS tax rate was increased from 2% to 3% of taxable gross revenues. As the additional 1% could be, in accordance with enacted tax law, offset against the social contribution tax for the year, and the additional 1% was expected to exceed the social contribution to be paid for the year, until such time as the law is repealed, the negative basis of social contribution (tax loss carryforward) and other temporary differences were not expected to be realized. Although a provisional measure has been issued which proposes to eliminate the availability of offset, such measure has not yet been enacted and the Company and its subsidiaries have not yet realized the accumulated amount of net operating losses and other temporary differences.

For US GAAP purposes the provisional measures above mentioned could not be considered as enacted law and consequently the rate of 9% for computation of social contribution should not be applied. At the same time the possibility to offset the 1% additional COFINS with the social contribution due was still valid. As a result of that as of December 31, 2001 the Company recorded a valuation allowance to offset the total amount of deferred social contribution tax recorded for Brazilian GAAP purposes.

The possibility to offset the 1% additional of COFINS with the social contribution was effectively prohibited as of January 1st, 2000. Further, the social contribution rate was set at 9% effective from January 1, 2003. Therefore, the recorded allowance for deferred social contribution tax was reversed in 2002, as the realization of such deferred tax is assured.

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#### g. Financial instruments

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, the Company has been recording its hedging activities in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at the spot rates at period end plus the coupon rate as stated in the agreements and adjustments to contract value were recorded through income.

Under US GAAP, the Company recognizes its foreign currency and interest rate swap agreements on the balance sheet at fair value and adjustments to fair value are recorded through income.

#### **Swaps**

At December 31, 2003 and 2004, the subsidiaries TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicacoes S.A. had entered into swaps contracts between US Dollars to CDI, with total updated notional amounts of R\$140,976 and R\$56,328, respectively, and due dates through 2012.

For Brazilian GAAP purposes at December 31, 2003 and 2004, the Company recorded receivables/(payables) related to these swap transactions of R\$17,570 and (R\$477), respectively, which were recorded together with the loan balances. For US GAAP purposes, at December 31, 2003 and 2004, the Company recorded receivables related to these swap transactions of R\$21,884 and \$338, respectively.

The fair value adjustments of the Company s foreign currency and interest rate swap contracts were estimated based on quoted market prices of comparable contracts, and generated a negative effect of R\$21,424, a positive effect of R\$17,115, and a negative effect of R\$3,499 in 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

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#### h. Incorporation of tax benefit of goodwill by subsidiaries

According to the Brazilian Corporate Law accounting principles, companies may assign the tax benefit of the goodwill to their subsidiaries in order to receive the tax benefit generated by the amortization of such goodwill. The tax benefit is shown as deferred taxes with a contra account in a special reserve within shareholders equity. The deferred tax is amortized and recognized as an expense in the statement of income for the amount of the tax benefit. The tax benefit of the deduction of the amortization from the tax basis for income tax and social contribution generates a reduction of income tax and social contribution payable. Therefore, the amount recognized as an expense resulting from tax deductible amortization of goodwill is equal to the reduction in tax on taxable income. Such accounting generates a reduction in taxes payable, but has no effect on the determination of net income for the period.

Once the benefit is realized, shares will be issued to the controlling shareholder for the amount of the realized benefit; minority shareholders will be entitled to buy shares in proportion to their interests by paying them directly to the controlling shareholder.

Under US GAAP, goodwill generated internally is not recognized; however, the future tax benefit generated by the amortization of goodwill is recognized as a contribution from the controlling shareholder within additional paid-in capital, similarly to the accounting principles under the Brazilian Corporate Law. The realization of the tax benefit by the amortization of the goodwill is recognized as a decrease in the value of the deferred tax with a consequent decrease in the tax payable, and does not affect the determination of net income for the period, similar to the accounting principles under the Brazilian Corporate Law. However, since the net balance of the goodwill and the related provision reversal should be considered as deferred tax asset for US GAAP purposes, the realization of these assets would cause a reclassification from  $\Box$ other operating expenses, net $\Box$  (where the realization of both accounts are recorded under Brazilian Corporate Law) to  $\Box$ income and social contribution tax expense  $\Box$  amounting to R\$50,430, R\$50,467 and R\$50,450 during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively. The additional capital paid is transferred to capital upon the issuance of the shares.

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#### i. Goodwill amortization

The Company has recognized goodwill of R\$16,669 in 2000 related to acquisition of minority interest on TIM Sul S.A. For Brazilian GAAP purposes such goodwill has been amortized for a period of 10 years. For US GAAP purposes, the goodwill is not subject to amortization beginning January 1, 2002. The amount of such amortization for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 is R\$1,779, R\$1,581 and R\$1,581, respectively. Based on management sassessment of the fair value of the Company recorded goodwill, there was no impairment recorded for US GAAP purposes as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004. Management is making annual assessments of such goodwill as required by SFAS 142.

#### j. Corporate reorganization ☐ acquisition of minority interest

In 2002 the Company started a corporate reorganization, which was concluded in 2003, in which TIM Sul S.A. (formerly Telepar Celular S.A.) acquired the Company s and minority interests in the other two Company subsidiaries, Telesc Celular S.A. and CTMR Celular S.A., being the owner of 100% of those subsidiaries. Under Brazilian GAAP the accounting was a capital increase by the book value of the two subsidiaries at TIM Sul S.A. and a contra account in investments. For the consolidated financial statements purposes this investment was eliminated.

For US GAAP purposes, the portion of such corporate reorganization related to the acquisition of minority interest was recorded using the purchase method in accordance with SFAS 141 and was recorded based on the fair value.

For the year ended on December 31, 2002, the Company recorded an asset of R\$14,520 and an increase in minority interest, on a consolidated level for US GAAP purposes. The effect on operating and net income was not significant.

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#### k. Reversal of gain on sale of Blah!

In December 2003, the Company sold its interest in Blah! S.A. (formerly Timnet.com S.A.), to a related party under common control, TIM International N.V.. The sale resulted in a gain of R\$25,142 which was recorded in the income statement for Brazilian GAAP purposes. For US GAAP purposes, the gains resulting from these types of transactions between companies under common control should be recorded through shareholders equity. Therefore the gain of R\$25,142, less tax of R\$8,548 recorded in the Brazilian GAAP income statement was reversed for US GAAP purposes.

#### l. Asset Retirement Obligations

The Company is contractually obligated to dismantle its cellular towers from the various sites it leases. For Brazilian GAAP purposes, the Company does not record a liability related to these obligations. For U.S. GAAP purposes, the Company adopted SFAS 143, [Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, in 2003 which requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The Company determined an average price for dismantling such towers. The calculation was performed based on the number of sites and considered (i) for GSM sites, a double period for the concessions (15 + 15 years) from the date of the Company acquisition and (ii) for TDMA sites, a period through 2008. Since the Company has the expectation to assume the obligation for dismantling and removing the assets and restoring the site on which they are located, all sites were considered in the calculation. On January 1, 2003, the cumulative effect of the adoption of SFAS 143 was not significant. As of December 31, 2003 and 2004, the liability for asset retirement obligations recorded under US GAAP is R\$77,646 and R\$98,879, respectively. The accretion of the asset retirement cost resulted in additional expenses of R\$18,561 and R\$14,009 in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

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#### m. Handset Discounts

The Company usually has combined sales (handsets and monthly service) for which a discount on the handset is reflected as a discount on the monthly service invoices over a period of less than one year. For Brazilian GAAP purposes, the handset sales revenue is recognized at the gross amount when sold and the discounts are recognized on a monthly basis as a reduction in the service revenues. Under U.S. GAAP, in accordance with EITF 00-21,  $\square$ Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables,  $\square$  the Company divides this arrangement into separate units of accounting and recognizes the discount on the handset when sold.

#### n. ADENE tax benefit

Under Brazilian Corporate Law tax incentives, such as the ADENE incentive explained in note 4.h, are recorded directly in shareholders□ equity. Under US GAAP, such incentives are recorded through earnings as a reduction of the income tax expense.

#### o. Minority shareholders∏ share

Not all subsidiaries consolidated are wholly owned by the Company and therefore the other consolidated US GAAP adjustments identified for each of such subsidiaries are allocated to their respective minority shareholders based on their participation.

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## II Changes in shareholders | equity under US GAAP

Balance on December 31, 2002	1,725,768
Net income for the year Capital increase from TND options exercised Dividends and interest on shareholders□ equity	318,631 86 (79,880)
Balance on December 31, 2003	1,964,605
Net income for the year Dividends and interest on shareholders equity Capital increase from TND options exercised Effect of allocation of fair value adjustments on merger with TND	233,341 (74,932) 4,539 221,937
Balance on December 31, 2004	2,349,490

#### 34. Additional disclosures required by US GAAP

a. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and Statements of Income ☐ US GAAP

The following are the condensed consolidated balance sheets of the Company under US GAAP at December 31, 2003 and 2004:

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ASSETS 2003 2004

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents37,673Short-term investments719,160Accounts receivable, net438,802Recoverable and deferred taxes242,191Other assets60,041	89,873 766,459 549,499 209,611 64,558
Total current assets 1,497,867	1,680,000
Noncurrent assets Recoverable and deferred taxes Other noncurrent assets  Permanent assets  19,331	105,712 32,193
Property, plant and equipment, net 1,456,367 Intangibles, net 233,524	1,738,441 473,890
Total assets 3,436,930	4,030,236
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY 2003	2004
Current liabilities  Accounts payable and accrued expenses 605,078 Loans and financing 99,348 Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity payable 105,092 Other current liabilities 27,261  Total current liabilities 836,779	876,981 61,729 114,678 24,183 1,077,571
Noncurrent liabilities Loans and financing 79,232 Provision for contingencies 21,478 Other noncurrent liabilities 140,661	41,220 24,518 128,580
Minority interests 394,175	408,857
Minority interests 394,175 Shareholders equity 1,964,605	408,857 2,349,490

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The following are the condensed consolidated statements of income of the Company under US GAAP for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004:

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	2002	2003	2004
Net revenues	1,818,346	2,110,263	2,527,948
Costs of goods sold and services rendered	(889,919)	(1,080,636)	(1,323,331)
Gross profit	928,427	1,029,627	1,204,617
Operating income (expenses): Selling, general and administrative Other operating income (expenses)	(552,716) (11,873) (564,589)	(655,364) 45,041 (610,323)	(821,161) (33,032) (854,193)
Operating income	363,838	419,304	350,424
Financial income (expenses), net Non-operating income (loss)	(46,835) (3,247)	86,098 1,519	57,073 (4,592)
Income before taxes and minority interest	313,756	506,921	402,905
Income tax expense Minority interest	(80,521) (52,487)	(109,039) (79,251)	(103,486) (66,078)
Net income	180,748	318,631	233,341

### b. Pension and other post-retirement benefits

As discussed in Note 29, the Company, and practically all other companies belonging to the Telebrás System, participates in multi-employer defined post retirement pension and other benefits plans operated and managed by Sistel.

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In December 1999, the Company and the other companies participating in the plans identified in these consolidated financial statements as PBS-A-Sistel and PAMA-Sistel reached an agreement to remove the active employees from the pension plan and create a new plan for each one of the new holding companies, including the Company (plans as identified in Note 29). The parties agreed to allocate the plan assets based on the reserves under the Brazilian Corporate Law. The allocation of the initial transition liabilities and non-amortized gains and losses was based on the projected benefit liability (PBO) of each individual employer divided by the total Sistel PBO in December 31, 1999, under SFAS 87. Retirees of the new holding companies participating in the Sistel-defined pension plan would remain as part of the Sistel multi-employer defined plan. The post-retirement health benefit plans would also remain as multi-employer defined plans; Sistel, however, no longer subsidizes life insurance premiums for retirees.

The change in benefit obligation and plan assets, as well as the funding status on December 31, 2003 and 2004 for the pension plans for the active employees of TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicacoes S.A. and the annual pension cost of the active employees Company□s sponsored defined benefit plan pension in accordance with US GAAP, are summarized below:

	TIM Sul		TIM Sul TIM Norde	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of year	43,660	11,151	29,403	8,365
Service cost	603	112	507	131
Interest cost	1,838	1,223	1,229	914
Effect of curtailment	(6,030)	-	(525)	-
Effect of settlement	(27,712)	-	(22,205)	-
Actuarial gain (loss)	(674)	(192)	545	354
Benefits paid	(534)	(639)	(589)	(657)
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	11,151	11,655	8,365	9,107
Change in plan assets				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	41,592	14,834	34,137	11,650
Actual return on plan assets	1,157	2,722	(27)	2,098
Contributions	331	93	232	62
Benefits paid	(534)	(639)	(486)	(657)
Effect of settlement in the plan assets	(27,712)	-	(22,206)	-
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	14,834	17,010	11,650	13,153
Funded status	3,683	5,355	3,285	4,046
Unrecognized net actuarial gains	(4,377)	(5,171)	(3,235)	(3,399)
Unrecognized net transition obligation, net	249	206	356	295
Net amount recognized	(445)	390	406	942

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Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position consist of:

TIM Sul		TII Nord	-
2003	2004	2003	2004

Prepaid benefit cost Accrued benefit cost Intangible assets	(445) -	390 - -	40	942
Net amount recognized	(445)	390	40	942

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was R\$30,007 and R\$20,384 at December 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the TIM Sul plan for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 are as follows:

	Dec	December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004	
Service cost Interest cost Expected return on plan assets Amortization of unrecognized gains Amortization of transitional obligation Expected participants□ contributions	2,095 3,996 (4,674) (935) 667 (788)	230 1,225 (2,107) (381) 42 (47)	112 1,223 (1,723) (376) 42 (63)	
Net periodic benefit cost	361	(1,038)	(785)	

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the TIM Nordeste plan for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 are as follows:

	Dec	December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004	
Service cost Interest cost Expected return on plan assets Amortization of unrecognized gains Amortization of transitional obligation Expected participants contributions	1,655 2,959 (3,918) (605) 60 (592)	507 1,229 (1,818) (399) 60 (41)	131 914 (1,352) (212) 60 (45)	
Net periodic benefit cost	(441)	(462)	(504)	

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The actuarial assumptions for 2003 and 2004 used in the computation of the funding status of the PBS-A-Sistel, PBS-TIM Sul and the PBS-TIM Nordeste were the following:

	2003	2004
Discount rates to determine the projected benefit liabilities	11.30%	11.30%
Rate of growth in compensation levels	7.10%	7.10%
Expected long-term rate of return for the plan assets	11.30%	18.20%

The expected long-term rate of return for the plan assets was set up based on the pension portfolio□s past average rate or earnings, discussion with portfolio managers and comparisons with similar companies. The expected long-term rate of return is based on an asset allocation assumption of 15% to equities and 85% fixed income securities.

#### **Plan Assets**

TIM Sul and TIM Nordeste pension plans weighted-average asset allocations at December 31, 2003 and 2004, by asset category were as follows:

	TIM Sul		TIM Nordeste	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Equity securities Debt securities Others	14% 85 1	19% 81 -	14% 86 -	18% 81 1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

The Sistel TIM Sul and Sistel TIM Nordeste Benefit Plans Investment Policy are addressed in the Equity Application Master Plan (PDAP), which sets forth the policy for application and management of funds supporting the Plan, with a view to meeting the profitability and social security goals in accordance with the related actuarial liability.

Based on the short, medium and long-term macroeconomic scenarios prepared by SISTEL, the PDAP sets out objectives, goals and restrictions as to the investment of plan funds, and determines and designs the strategic assignment of these funds in each segment and portfolio, as well as the assets that may be selected and the strategy to be adopted to manage these assets.

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The assignment addressed in the PDAP sets forth the ceiling and floor limits to break down the asset portfolio into fixed-income and variable assets, as well as loans and financings to the members of the plan, taking into consideration the limits set forth in National Monetary Council Resolution No. 3121, apart from the criteria for selection of these assets.

The minimum actuarial rate forecast for the Plan consists of profitability at least equal to INPC (Broad National Consumer Price Index) + 6% p.a.

#### **Cash Flows**

The Company expects to contribute R\$137 to its pension plans in 2005.

#### **Effects of migration to TIMPREV**

As mentioned in the Note 31, the Company and its subsidiaries changed their pension plan to a defined contribution pension plan, TIMPREV. Migration to this new plan was exercised through January 29, 2003 and approximately 90% of the participants exercised their right to migrate to the new plan. TIMPREV became effective as of February 2, 2003. The following is a rollforward of the accrued post-retirement benefit liability for 2003, including the effects of curtailment and settlement mentioned:

	TIM Sul	TIM Nordeste
Accrued liability at beginning of the year Net periodic post-retirement benefits cost	(16,496)	(16,251)
for the year	850	1,142
Actual company contribution during the year	171	131
Effect of curtailment	1,798	(3,214)
Effect of settlement	13,232	18,598
Accrued liability at end of the year	(445)	406

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The effects of the curtailment and the settlement computed as of February 28, 2003 are demonstrated below:

	PBS-TIM Sul	Before Curtailment and Settlement	Effect of Curtailment	Effect of Settlement	After Curtailment and Settlement
1. 2.	Projected benefit obligation (PBO) Plan assets at fair value	44,786 (42,428)	(6,030)	(27,712) 27,712	11,044 (14,716)
3. 4.	Unrecognized items (a)Initial transition obligation (asset)	2,358 4,516	(6,030) (4,232)	-	(3,672)
	(b) (Gain) & loss	(18,506)		13,232	(5,274)
5.	Accrued/(prepaid) post-retirement benefit liability (3-(4a+4b))	16,348	(1,798)	(13,232)	1,318

PBS-TIM Nordeste	Before Curtailment and Settlement	Effect of Curtailment	Effect of Settlement	After Curtailment and Settlement
<ol> <li>Projected benefit obligation (PBO)</li> <li>Plan assets at fair value</li> </ol>	30,156 (34,908)	(525)	(22,206) 22,206	7,425 (12,702)
<ul><li>3. Funded status</li><li>4. Unrecognized items         <ul><li>(a)Initial transition obligation (asset)</li><li>(b) (Gain) &amp; loss</li></ul></li></ul>	(4,752) 4,144 (24,816)	(525) (3,739)	18,598	(5,277) 405 (6,218)
5. Accrued/(prepaid) post-retirement benefit liability (3-(4a+4b))	15,920	3,214	(18,598)	536

A summary of the funding status of the Sistel (PBS-A- Sistel) pension plans on December 31, 2003 and 2004 for the multi-employer plan is presented below:

	TIM	Sul	TIM No	rdeste	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
Projected benefit obligation (PBO) Fair value of the plan assets	(3,484,245) 4,163,102	(3,590,683) 4,669,444	(3,484,245) 4,163,102	(3,590,683) 4,669,444	
Excess of assets over projected liabilities	678,857	1,078,761	678,857	1,078,761	

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#### c. Statements of cash flows

Accounting principles under the Brazilian Corporate Law require presentation of a statement of changes in financial position reflecting the sources and uses of funds. A statement of cash flows was prepared based on SFAS 95  $\square$  Statements of Cash Flows, to complement the information disclosed under Brazilian Corporate Law. The statements of cash flows for 2002 and 2003 reflect the combined cash flows of Tele Celular Sul Participacoes S.A. and Tele Nordeste Participacoes S.A., for comparability with the consolidated 2004 cash flows for TIM Participacoes S.A.

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	Teur chucu December 31,			
	2002	2003	2004	
Operating activities				
Net income for the year	184,348	277,827	265,935	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash:				
Depreciation and amortization	381,235	396,372	447,461	
Gain (loss) on nonoperating investments	(753)	-	-	
Equity losses of affiliate	8,576	7,557	-	
Gain on sale of Blah!	-	(25,142)	-	
ADENE tax incentive	-	50,520	20,937	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	4,402	4,180	1,643	
Minority interests	51,113	75,392	18,718	
Foreign exchange variation of loans	55,315	(39,026)	(167)	
Net effect on assets and liabilities for dilution of interest in				
investee	(755)	-	-	
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Year ended December 31.

Trade accounts receivables Inventories Recoverable taxes Deferred taxes Other current and noncurrent assets Salaries and social charges Accounts payable Taxes payable Accrued interest Concessions payable Provision for contingencies Pension plan liabilities Other current and noncurrent liabilities	(30,035) 3,656 (11,887) 45,005 (1,915) 2,410 53,221 43,943 1,848	(105,143) (4,274) (73,844) 64,304 (3,767) (1,970) 16,535 21,421 7,605	(157,133) (18,579) 20,635 65,559 (20,346) (2,668) 280,614 (1,664) (1,206) (27,447) 3,039 (36) 3,079
Net cash provided by operating activities	808,323	663,723	892,216
Investing activities  Short-term investments Investment purchases Proceeds from sale of Blah! Property, plant and equipment and usage license acquisitions  Net cash used in investing activities	(524,676) (926) (142,605) (668,207)	111,204 - 39,000 (278,296) (128,092)	(47,299) - - (674,493) (721,792)
Financing activities  New loans Loan and financing payments Options exercised Dividends and interest on shareholders' equity paid  Net cash used in financing activities	(84,519) - (45,151) (129,670)	(461,570) 86 (61,332) (522,816)	20,000 (77,417) 4,539 (65,346) (118,224)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	10,446 14,412 24,858	12,815 24,858 37,673	52,200 37,673 89,873

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Supplementary disclosure of cash flow information:

 Interest paid
 85.086
 109.660
 9.636

 Income and social contribution tax paid
 58.505
 80.395
 28.807

### d. New accounting standards

In December 2004, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, which addresses the accounting for transactions in which an entity exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services, with a primary focus on transactions in which an entity obtains employee services in share-based payment transactions. This Statement is a revision to Statement 123 and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and its related implementation guidance. Incremental compensation costs arising from subsequent modifications of awards after the grant date must be recognized. This Statement will be effective for the Company as of January 1, 2006. The adoption of this Statement will result in additional compensation expense as disclosed in note 34.1.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FASB Statement No.151, Inventory Costs, which clarifies the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). Under this Statement, such items will be recognized as current-period charges. In addition, the Statement requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. This Statement will be effective for the Company for inventory costs incurred on or after January 1, 2006. Management does not expect the adoption of this Statement will have an impact on the Company sinancial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, which eliminates an exception in APB 29 for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. This Statement will be effective for the Company for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring on or after January 1, 2006. Management does not expect the adoption of this Statement will have an impact on the Company sinancial statements.

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In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, which addresses how a business enterprise should evaluate whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity through means other than voting rights and accordingly should consolidate the entity. The Company applies FIN 46R to variable interests in VIEs created after December 31, 2003. For variable interests in VIEs created before January 1, 2004, the Interpretation will be applied beginning on December 31, 2004. For any VIEs that must be consolidated under FIN 46R that were created before January 1, 2004, the assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interests of the VIE initially would be measured at their carrying amounts with any difference between the net amount added to the balance sheet and any previously recognized interest being recognized as the cumulative effect of an accounting change. If determining the carrying amounts is not practicable, fair value at the date FIN 46R first applies may be used to measure the assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interest of the VIE. The Company has evaluated the impact of applying FIN 46R, and concluded that it has no impact in the Company sconsolidated financial statements.

At its March 31, 2004 meeting, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) reached final consensus on EITF Issue No. 03-6, Participating Securities and the Two-Class Method under FASB Statement No. 128, [Earnings Per Share]. Typically, a participating security is entitled to share in a company]s earnings, often via a formula tied to dividends on the company]s common stock. The issue clarifies what is meant by the term participating security, as used in Statement 128. When an instrument is deemed to be a participating security, it has the potential to significantly reduce basic earnings per common share because the Two-Class Method must be used to compute the instrument]s effect on earnings per share. The consensus also covers other instruments whose terms include a participation feature. The consensus also addresses the allocation of losses. If undistributed earnings must be allocated to participating securities under the Two-Class Method, losses should also be allocated. However, EITF 03-6 limits this allocation only to situations when the security has: (1) the right to participate in the earnings of the company, and (2) an objectively determinable contractual obligation to share in net losses of the company. The consensus reached in EITF 03-6 are effective for fiscal periods beginning after March 31, 2004. EPS in prior periods must be retroactively adjusted in order to comply with the consensus decisions reached in EITF 03-6. The adoption of EITF 03-06 did not have an impact on the Company]s financial statements because the Company is profitable for all periods presented.

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### e. Segment information

Under US GAAP, SFAS Nº 131, [Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information[] sets forth the rules under which publicly traded companies are obliged to disclose financial and descriptive information on their business segments. Management is of the opinion that the Company and its subsidiaries operate in a single business segment as telecommunication services providers and, therefore, the disclosure of information requirements under US GAAP do not apply.

### f. Termination benefits

The companies in Brazil are required to deposit 8% of the gross salary of each employee to an account under the employee s name for Fundo de Garantia do Tempo de Serviço (FGTS Workers Compensation Fund). No other contribution to the FGTS is required. Contributions are recorded as they occur.

Brazilian labor law requires the Company to pay additional compensation to employees terminated without cause, equivalent to 50% of the total amount of deposits already made by the Company to the individual employee of FGTS account, for the period such employee worked for the Company.

#### g. Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income is not different from net income under US GAAP for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

#### h. Earnings per share

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, earnings per share are determined based upon the total number of shares, common and preferred, outstanding as of the end of the period.

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Under US GAAP, earnings per share are determined based upon the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Entities whose capital structures include securities that may participate in dividends with common stocks according to a predetermined formula should use the two-class method of computing earnings per share as described in SFAS 128, [Earnings per Share].

Since the preferred and common shareholders have different dividend, voting and liquidation rights, basic earnings per share has been calculated using the [two-class] method. The [two-class] method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for preferred and common shares according to the dividends to be paid as required by the Company[s by-laws and participation rights in undistributed earnings.

Basic earnings per common share is computed by reducing net income by distributable and undistributable net income available to preferred shareholders and dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Net income available to preferred shareholders is the sum of the preferred dividends distributable net income and the preferred shareholders portion of undistributed net income.

Undistributed net income is computed by deducting preferred dividends and common dividends from net income. Undistributed net income is shared equally on a per share basis by the preferred and common shareholders. Options issued under the Company□s stock options plan are antidilutive for each of the years presented. Therefore, diluted earnings per share equals basic earnings per share. The options excluded from the calculation of earnings per share in 2002, 2003 and 2004 were 4,073, 4,073 and 3,820, respectively.

Under the Company s bylaws, if the Company is able to pay dividends in excess of the minimum requirement for preferred shareholders and the remainder of the net income is sufficient to provide equal dividends to both common and preferred shareholders, then the earnings per share will be the same for both common and preferred shareholders.

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The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per thousand of common and preferred shares:

	Years ended December 31,			
	2002	2003	2004	
Numerator:				
Net income for the year under US GAAP  Net income available to preferred shareholders  numerator for basic and diluted earnings per thousand share	180,748	318,631	233,341	
	(109,800)	(193,799)	(143,306)	
Net income available to common shareholders [] numerator for basic and diluted earnings per thousand shares	70,948	124,832	90,035	
<b>Denominator:</b> Weighted-average outstanding shares (in millions)				
Common	234,689	243,280	254,628	
Preferred	363,205	377,689	405,284	
Earnings per 1,000 shares (basic and diluted) Common shares Preferred shares	0.302 0.302	0.513 0.513	0.354 0.354	

### i. Stock options

As mentioned in the footnote 19-e, for Brazilian GAAP purposes there is no effect related to the stock option plan since no stock option was exercised up to December 31, 2004.

For US GAAP purposes the Company applies APB Opinion No. 25 in accounting for its stock option plan. No compensation cost has been recognized for its stock options in the financial statements in 2002, 2003 and 2004. In 2003 and 2004, the year end market price was below the exercise price.

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Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by SFAS 123 and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method of SFAS 123. The fair value of these options was estimated at grant date using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004: expected total dividends for all stock options of R\$ 76,399 in 2005, R\$103,341 in 2006, R\$113,092 in 2007 and R\$134,612 in 2008; expected volatility of 63%; risk-free interest rate of 19% and expected lives of 5 years. The weighted average fair value per share of options during the year was R\$2.66.

For purposes of pro forma disclosures under SFAS 123 and SFAS 148, the estimated compensation expense related to option grants to employees that would have been recognized in fiscal 2002, 2003 and 2004 is deducted from net income. The Company pro forma information related to option grants to employees as calculated in accordance with SFAS 123 and SFAS 148 is as follows:

	Years ended December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
Net income as reported	180,748	318,631	233,341
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based net of related tax effects	(2,674)	(3,248)	(2,173)
Pro forma net income	178,074	315,383	231,168
Earnings per share:			
Basic and diluted earnings per thousand shares, as reported Common Preferred	0.302 0.302	0.513 0.513	0.354 0.354
Proforma basic and diluted earnings per thousand shares Common Preferred	0.298 0.298	0.508 0.508	0.350 0.350

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As a result of the merger, each outstanding option to acquire shares of Tele Nordeste Celular Participacoes S.A. (TND) preferred stock held by TND employees immediately prior to the merger were adjusted so that the

employees held the option to purchase the Company $\square$ s preferred stock. The number of shares of the Company $\square$ s preferred stock that were subject to converted options was determined by multiplying the number of shares of TND preferred stock subject to options, by the merger exchange ratio of 0.9261, rounded, if necessary, to the nearest whole share of the Company $\square$ s preferred stock.

TND had 595,000 options outstanding to purchase shares of preferred stock immediately before the merger, which remained outstanding and unchanged after the merger. The fair value of these options of R\$1,780 was determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model upon completion of the merger and was included in the total purchase price of R\$960,092.

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Stock option activity and related information during the periods indicated was as follows:

	Number of Shares (in thousands)	Weighted- average exercise price
Balance at December 31, 2000 Granted Exercised Forfeited Expired	4,073	4.27
Balance at December 31, 2001 Granted Exercised Forfeited Expired	4,073 - - - -	4.27 - - - -
Balance at December 31, 2002 Exercised Forfeited Expired	4,073	4.27 - - -
Balance at December 31, 2003 Exercised Merger* Forfeited Expired	4,073 - 595 (848) -	4.27 - 3.37 4.27

Balance at December 31, 2004

3,820

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## j. Related party transactions

At December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the consolidated balances of related party transactions are as follows:

	Assets	Liabilities		Income/Expenses		
	Receivables	Loan	Payables	Other Revenues	Selling, general and administrative costs	
Total 2004	397		2,944	2,890	25,910	
Related party transactions of TND: Telecom Italia Mobile s.P.a. (1) Total related party transactions of TCS (Note 9)	- 355	-	- 6,767	- 12,955	7,524 4,559	
Total 2003	355	-	6,767	12,955	12,083	
Related party transactions of TND: Telecom Italia Mobile s.P.a. (1) Total related party transactions of TCS (Note 9)	463	- 553	2,507 267	- 1,108	9,416 965	
Total 2002	463	553	2,774	1,108	10,381	

<sup>(1)</sup> controlling shareholder of TIM Brasil

<sup>\*</sup> Represents the options of pre-merger TND employees.

### k. Concentration of risks

The Company continually monitors the level of trade accounts receivable and limits the exposure to bad debts by cutting access to the telephone network if any invoice is 20 days past due.

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents with various financial institutions and, as a policy, limits exposure to any one institution.

In conducting its businesses, the Company is fully dependent upon the cellular telecommunications concession as granted by the Federal Government.

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All employees are represented by state labor unions associated with the Federacao Nacional do Trabalhadores em Telecomunicacoes ([Fenattel]) and the Federação Interestadual dos Trabalhadores em Telecomunicações ([Fittel]) or the Sindicato dos Engenheiros do Estado do Parana e Nordeste. The Company negotiates new collective labor agreements every year with the local unions. The collective agreements currently in force expires in November 2005.

There is no concentration of available sources of labor, services, concessions or rights, other than those mentioned above, that could, if suddenly eliminated, severely impact the Company sources of severely impact the Company sources.

#### l. Income and social contribution taxes

The ADENE tax incentive related to 2002 of R\$20,456 was recorded in 2003, the period in which the tax incentive was granted. Income and social contribution tax expenses under US GAAP are as follows:

	2002	2003	2004
Income and social contribution tax expense (Note 8) Income tax reduction $\sqcap$ ADENE:	(67,875)	(111,813)	(108,037)
Related to 2002	-	20,456	_
Related to 2003	-	30,064	-
Related to 2004	-	-	20,937
Tax benefit of goodwill by subsidiaries (Note 33.I.h)	(50,430)	(50,467)	(50,450)
Deferred tax on the US GAAP adjustments (Note 33)	13,604	2,721	34,064
Difference in enacted rates of social contribution (Note 33.I.f)	24,180	_	
Total income tax and social contribution tax expense	(80,521)	(109,039)	(103,486)

The effect of the income tax reduction resulting from the ADENE tax incentive, per 1,000 shares, was as follows:

	2003	2004
Common shares Preferred shares	0.081 0.081	0.032 0.032

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The effective tax rate for the Company under US GAAP was 25.66%, 21.51% and 25.68% for 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

### 35. Subsequent events (Unaudited)

On March 9, 2005, the Shareholders Annual Meeting approved the distribution of dividends as described on Note 19.d.

On March 9, 2005, in accordance with article 7, paragraph 1, of CVM Instruction 319/99, the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting approved the issuance of 6,093,085 common shares and 10,072,064 preferred shares, both without nominal value, to TIM Brasil Serviços e Participações S.A., amounting to R\$54,954, which is equivalent to the tax benefit generated during 2004.

The subscription price was R\$3.25 per each thousand lot of common shares and R\$3.49 per each thousand lot of preferred shares. The period for the right of preference exercise was from March 9, 2005 to April 9, 2005.

In the same shareholders meeting, a capital increase of R\$115,542 was also approved without issuance of new shares. In accordance with article 199 of Law 6,404/76, the Company may make this capital increase because income reserves are in excess of the Company social capital.

On April 26, 2005, the Company solutions Board of Directors approved a capital increase of R\$2,006 through the issuance of 595,198 lots of 1,000 preferred shares, resulting from the exercise of stock options by twenty-four employees of the Company pursuant to the Company stock option plan.

Also on April 26, 2005, the Company Board of Directors approved the proposal for the issuance of the Company shares in exchange for the shares of TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicacoes S.A. The exchange of shares aims to increase the liquidity of the publicly traded stock of the companies involved. The proposal was approved by the shareholders on May 30, 2005. The exercise of withdrawal rights by minority shareholders of TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Nordeste Telecomunicacoes S.A., as well by common shareholders of the Company, will be available until July 1, 2005.

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As a result of this transaction, the capital stock of the Company will be increased by R\$415,069, represented by up to 160,311,357 shares of which 28,724,404 are common shares and 131,586,953 are preferred shares. However, the number of issued shares may be lower as a consequence of the exercise of withdrawal rights by the minority shareholders of the subsidiaries.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended, the registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing this annual report on Form 20-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Alvaro Pereira de Moraes Filho

Name: Alvaro Pereira de Moraes Filho Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza

Name: Paulo Roberto Cruz Cozza Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: June 30, 2005

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

1.1\* By-laws of TIM Participações S.A., as amended (English and Portuguese).

- 2.1 Deposit Agreement, dated as of July 27, 1998, among Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., The Bank of New York, as Depositary, and owners and beneficial owners from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder, which is incorporated by reference to our registration statement filed on Form F-6 with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 1998.
- 2.2\* Deposit Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2002, among Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Depositary, and holders of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder.
- 4.1 Credit Agreement dated as of December 3, 1999, among Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor, and Export-Import Bank of the United States, which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.2\* Credit Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between TIM Nordeste (then Telpe Celular S.A.), as borrower, and the European Investment Bank, as lender.
- 4.3\* Guarantee and Indemnity Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between European Investment Bank and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A.
- 4.4\* Indemnification Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between Banque Sudameris, as Guarantor, and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A., as Indemnifier.
- 4.5\* Counter Indemnity Agreement dated as of September 22, 2000, between Banque Sudameris, as Guarantor, and TIM Nordeste (then Telpe Celular S.A.), as Borrower.
- 4.6 Credit Agreement dated as of December 22, 2000, among *Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social*□BNDES, Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, and Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor (Portuguese Version), which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.7 Credit Agreement dated as of December 22, 2000, among *Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social*□BNDES, Telepar Celular S.A., as Borrower, and Tele Celular Sul Participações S.A., as Guarantor (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2000 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.8\* Credit Agreement dated as of June 28, 2004, by and between Banco do Nordeste do Brasil S.A., as lender, and TIM Nordeste, as borrower.
- 4.9\* Guarantee Agreement dated as of June 24, 2004 among Banco Bradesco S.A., TIM Nordeste and Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation).
- 4.10 Management Assistance Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2000, between Tele Nordeste Celular Participacoes S.A. and Telecom Italia Mobile S.p.A., which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.11 Standard Concession Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service (Portuguese Version), which is incorporated by reference to our 1998 registration statement filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.12 Standard Concession Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 1998 registration statement filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 4.13 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telepar Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form

20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

4.14 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for CTMR Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telesc Celular (English 4.15 Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2002 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. 4.16 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telpe Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Teleceara Celular (English 4.17 Translation), which is incorporated by reference from the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telasa Celular (English 4.18 Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telpa Celular (English 4.19 Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telern Celular (English 4.20 Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. 4.21 Authorization Agreement for Mobile Cellular Service for Telepisa Celular (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2002 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Interconnection Network Agreement relating to Local Services dated as of June 1, 2003 4.22 between TIM Sul and Brasil Telecom (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM 4.23 Network, dated as of November 2, 2002, by and among Siemens Ltda. Engenharia e Service Ltda., TIM Sul S.A. and TIM Celular S.A. (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our 2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and  $\parallel^*\parallel$  has been substituted for the omitted text. Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM 4.24 Network, dated as of October 2, 2003, among Ericsson Telecommunicações S.A., Ericsson Servicos de Telecommunicações Ltda., Maxitel S.A., TIM Celular S.A., TIM Sul S.A. and certain of the then-subsidiaries of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to our

- 2003 annual report filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and  $\lceil * \rceil$  has been substituted for the omitted text.
- 4.25 Equipment Supply and Service Agreement relating to the implementation of a GSM Network, dated as of October 2, 2003, by and among Nokia do Brasil Ltda., TIM Celular S.A. and certain of the then- subsidiaries of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. (English Translation), which is incorporated by reference to the 2003 annual report of Tele Nordeste Celular Participações S.A. filed on Form 20-F with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Portions of this agreement have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request made under Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and [\*] has been substituted for the omitted text.
- 8.1\* List of Subsidiaries.
- 11.1\* Code of Ethics (English and Portuguese).
- 12.1\* Section 906 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 12.2\* Section 906 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.
- 13.1\* Section 302 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 13.2\* Section 302 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer.

<sup>\*</sup>Filed herewith.