

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

**For the month of April 2003**

(Commission File No. 001-14487)

**TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Tele Norte Leste Holding Company**

(Translation of registrant's name in English)

**Rua Humberto de Campos, 425 - 8º andar**

**Rio de Janeiro, R.J.**

**Federative Republic of Brazil**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by  
furnishing the information contained in this form  
is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

## **SIGNATURES**

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

### **TELE NORTE LESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.**

Date: April 09, 2002

By

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Name:	Marcos Grodetsky
Title:	Director of Investor Relations



## TNE: BOARD APPROVES CAPITAL INCREASE

*Rio de Janeiro, April 09, 2003* – Tele Norte Leste Participações S/A (NYSE: TNE) announced yesterday to its shareholders in Brazil that at a meeting held on April 09, 2003, in Rio, its Board of Directors approved a capital increase in the amount of R\$167.6 million, in connection with the tax benefit originated from the goodwill amortization recorded in 2002.

The new capital amount and corresponding share increases are as follows:

	Previous	Increase	New
<b>Capital Amount (R\$)</b>	4,476,809,955.27	167,605,531.91	4,644,415,487.18
<b><u>Number of Shares</u></b>			
Common	127,948,562,088	2,237,126,694	130,185,688,782
Preferred	255,897,123,175	4,474,253,388	260,371,376,563
<b>Total</b>	<b>383,845,685,263</b>	<b>6,711,380,082</b>	<b>390,557,065,345</b>
Treasury	8,780,436,826	N/A	8,780,436,826
<b>Outstanding Shares</b>	<b>375,065,248,437</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>381,776,628,519</b>

The subscription prices, per thousand shares, in connection with the capital increase are R\$ 19.90 for common shares and R\$ 27.51 for preferred shares.

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