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Mr. Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director  
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Division of Corporate Finance  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Brasil Telecom Participações S.A.  
Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005  
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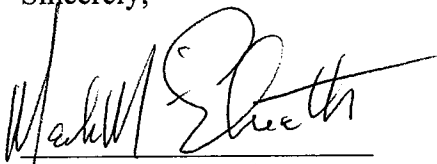
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Dear Mr. Spigel:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 27, 2007, to Mr. Ricardo Knoepfelmacher of Brasil Telecom requesting additional information pertaining to the above-referenced matter. This letter is to advise you that we will provide responses to your letter by March 19, 2007. Please inform us if the date planned for our responses does not meet with your approval.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

  
Mark F. McElreath

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