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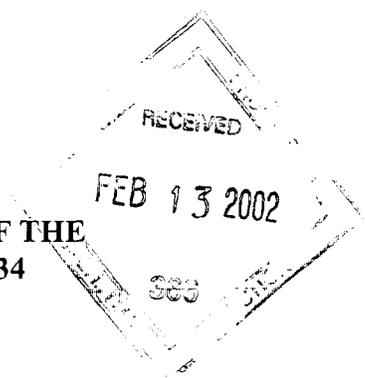
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

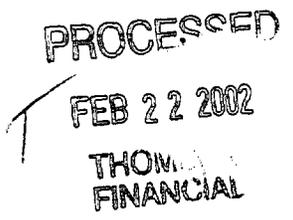
THROUGH January 22, 2002

(Commission File No. 001-15256)



BRASIL TELECOM S.A.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

BRAZIL TELECOM COMPANY
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)



SIA Sul, Área de Serviços Públicos , Lote D, Bloco B
Brasília, D.F., 71.215-000
Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover 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

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

SIGNATURE

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

Date: January 22, 2002

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

By: Carla Cico
Name: Carla Cico
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT #1

RELEASE

Brasil Telecom S.A. informs non-audited preliminary fourth quarter 2001 figures.

1) Plant

Operational Data	3Q01	4Q01
Lines Installed (thousand)	9,864	10,015
Lines in Service (thousand)	8,368	8,638
Utilization Rate (%)	84.8	86.3
Public Telephones in Service (thousand)	273	286
Digitization Rate (%)	96.4	97.3

2) Employees

- For having subcontracted call center personnel and having reduced headcount at CRT Brasil Telecom, **Brasil Telecom S.A.** ended 4Q01 with 7,877 employees, representing a reduction of 1,574 over 3Q01 levels.

3) Indebtedness

Short Term Debt	R\$ Thousand	% Total	Hedge
In R\$	414,894	80%	
In US\$	106,563	20%	98% with Hedge
Total	521,457	13%	

Long Term Debt	R\$ Thousand	% Total	Hedge
In R\$	3,284,059	93%	
In US\$	229,634	7%	33% with Hedge
Total	3,513,693	87%	

Total Debt	R\$ Thousand	% Total	Hedge
In R\$	3,698,953	92%	
In US\$	336,197	8%	53% with Hedge
Total	4,035,150	100%	

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Out of **short term** debt at the end of 2001:

- R\$89.7 million refer to debentures held by Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..
- R\$7.4 million refer to intercompany loan with Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..

Out of **long term** debt at the end of 2001:

- R\$1,300.0 million refer to debentures held by Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..
- R\$78.3 million to intercompany loan with Brasil Telecom Participações S.A..

Brasília-DF, January 22, 2002.

Carla Cico
Investor Relations Officer
Brasil Telecom S.A.

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