

BRASIL TELECOM SA
Form 6-K
February 02, 2004

**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 FEBRUARY 2, 2004

(Commission File No. 1-15256)

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

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

Corporate Taxpayer Registration: 76.535.764/0001-43

NIRE: 53 3 0000622 9

Publicly Traded Company

MATERIAL FACT

CREDIT OF INTEREST ON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

We hereby inform Brasil Telecom S.A.'s (Company) shareholders that the Company's Executive Management deliberated, following a delegation from the Board of Directors specified on a meeting held on December 12th, 2003, the credit of Interest on Shareholders' Equity in the amount of R\$238,100,000.00 (two hundred thirty-eight million and one hundred thousand *reais*), which corresponds to a gross amount of R\$0.441377628 per one thousand shares and an amount net of income tax of R\$0.375170984 per one thousand common and preferred shares, as pursuant to Article 9 of Law 9,249 of December 26th, 1995 and to Comissão de Valores Mobiliários' Deliberation 207/96.

Eventual changes in the amount that will be paid per one thousand shares may occur as pursuant to Article 16 of Comissão de Valores Mobiliários' Instruction 10, issued on February 14th, 1980, considering that, the Board of Directors approved a shares buyback program, on a meeting held on August 5th, 2003.

I Income Tax Withheld: Income tax of 15% will be withheld from the amount of credit of Interest on Shareholders' Equity, except for those shareholders proven to have fiscal exemption or differentiated taxation.

II Date of the Credit in the Books of the Company: January 30, 2004.

III Date of Trading ex-Interest on Shareholders' Equity : As of February¹¹, 2004, the Company's shares will trade Ex-Interest on Shareholders' Equity, considering the shares deposited on February¹¹, 2004.

IV Information on the Payment and Credit of Dividends: Interest on Shareholders' Equity may be credited to dividends relative to fiscal year 2004 and is subject to the approval of the 2005 Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting, which will indicate the date of the payment.

V Proof of Tax Exemption or Differentiated Taxation: Shareholders exempted from income tax or differentiated taxation, according to the Brazilian tax legislation, shall prove such condition to the Custodian Bank - Banco Bradesco S.A., Departamento de Ações e Custódia, Prédio Amarelo, 2º Andar, Cidade de Deus, Vila Yara - Zip Code 06.029-900 - Osasco - SP - Brazil, until February¹¹, 2004.

Brazil, Brasília, February 2nd, 2004.

Carla Cico
Investor Relations Officer

