

BRASIL TELECOM SA
Form 6-K
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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 JULY 22, 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)

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Moody's América Latina Confirms the Investment Grade Profile of Brasil Telecom

Brasília, Brazil, July 22, 2004 BRASIL TELECOM S.A. (NYSE: BTM; BOVESPA: BRTO3/BRTO4) and BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. (NYSE: BRP; BOVESPA: BRTP3/BRTP4) announce that Moody's América Latina, one of the most renowned international rating agencies, confirmed the Investment Grade profile of Brasil Telecom S.A., assigning a Brazil National Scale Rating of Aa1.Br and a Baa3 Global Local Currency Scale rating to the debentures issuance to be carried out by the Company in the amount of R\$500 million in one series, maturing on July 5, 2009. The outlook on this rating is stable. Moody's América Latina has maintained these ratings since December 28, 2001.

As a result, both debt issuances of Brasil Telecom S.A. in 2004 received the Investment Grade profile from Moody's América Latina, since the bonds issued in February had already received the same Baa3 Global Local Currency Scale rating.

According to Moody's América Latina, the ratings reflect the risk of government intervention in the tariff setting process, which are borne to all entities under the regulated regime. Moody's América Latina also stressed that the ratings reflect the relatively strong financial profile and its dominant market position within its service territory. With regards to the Company's indebtedness, Moody's expects that the company's current ratings could support a severe currency devaluation, given that nearly all of the company's debt maturing through 2005 is hedged.
