

BRASIL TELECOM SA  
Form 6-K  
December 17, 2008

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 6-K**

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

**THROUGH December 17, 2008**

**(Commission File No. 1-15256)**

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**BRASIL TELECOM S.A.**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)*

**BRAZIL TELECOM COMPANY**

*(Translation of Registrant's name into English)*

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**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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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

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Publicly Held Company  
CORPORATE TAXPAYER s ID76.535.764/0001 -43  
BOARD OF TRADE 53.3.0000622 -9

**MATERIAL FACT**

**CREDIT OF INTEREST ON EQUITY**

Brasil Telecom S.A. ( Company ) informs to its shareholders that, following a delegation from the Board of Directors specified at a meeting held on December 16, 2008, the Company s Senior Management resolved the appropriation of Interest on Equity in the amount of R\$79,300,000.00 (seventy nine million and three hundred thousand *reais*), which corresponds to a gross amount of R\$0.144840477 per share or an amount net of income tax of R\$0.123114405 per share, common and preferred, pursuant to Article 9 of Law 9,249 of December 26, 1995 and to Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission s (*Comissão de Valores Mobiliários*) Deliberation 207/96.

**I Income Tax Withheld:** Income tax at a rate of 15% will be withheld from the amount of Interest on Equity, except with respect to those shareholders who demonstrate exemption from tax or eligibility to be taxed at a different rate.

**II Date of the Credit:** The credit in the books of Brasil Telecom S.A. of Interest on Equity in the total amount of R\$79,300,000.00, will be made on December 29, 2008.

**III Date of Trading ex-Interest on Equity :** As of December 30, 2008, the Company s shares will trade Ex-Interest on Equity , with respect to shares held of record on December 29, 2008.

**IV Information regarding the Payment of Dividends:** The interest on equity shall be charged to dividends with respect to fiscal year 2008 and shall be subject to approval at the Ordinary General Shareholders Meeting in 2009. The payment date, when resolved, will be advised in a published Notice to Shareholders.

**V Confirmation of Tax Exemption or Different Tax Rate Eligibility:** Legal persons who are exempt from income tax or who are eligible to be taxed at a tax rate different than 15%, in compliance with the current law, shall demonstrate such exemption or eligibility to the Custodian Bank Banco Bradesco S.A., Departamento de Ações e Custódia, Prédio Amarelo, 2º Andar, Cidade de Deus, Vila Yara CEP 06.029 -900 Osasco SP, on or before January 09, 2009.

**VI Amount Appropriated in Fiscal Year 2008:**

DATE OF THE CREDIT	BRAZILIAN EX-DATE	TOTAL APPROPRIATED (R\$)	GROSS AMOUNT PER SHARE (R\$)	AMOUNT NET OF INCOME TAX PER SHARE (R\$)
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03/31/2008	04/09/2008	245,000,000.00	0.447588512	0.380450236
12/29/2008	12/30/2008	79,300,000.00	0.144840477	0.123114405

Brasília, December 17, 2008.

**Paulo Narcélio Simões Amaral**  
Investor Relations Officer

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 17, 2008

**BRASIL TELECOM S.A.**

By:           /s/ Paulo Narcélio Simões  
                  Amaral

Name: Paulo Narcélio Simões  
Amaral  
Title: Chief Financial  
Officer

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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