

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 May 13, 2008

(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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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

2. **OPPORTUNITY EQUITY PARTNERS ADMINISTRADORA DE RECURSOS LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.761.273/0001 -11, headquartered at *Rua Manoel Duarte, nº 14, sala 102 (parte)*, Três Rios, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 29º andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira Lima**, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 28º andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17º Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 108, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

3. **OPPORTUNITY FUND**, a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands, headquartered at UBS House, 227, Elgin Avenue, P.O. Box 852, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, West Indies, registered as a mutual fund on 06.15.1994 under the 1993 Mutual Funds Act, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n.07.703.638/0001 -38, herein represented according to its corporate documents by its attorneys-in-fact **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 28º andar (parte)* and **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 28º andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17º Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 093, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

4. **GLOBAL INVESTMENT AND CONSULTING, INC.**, a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, headquartered at Columbus Centre Building, Wickhams Cay, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, United Kingdom, herein represented according to its corporate documents by its officer **Arthur Joaquim de Carvalho**, Brazilian, married, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 3.749, issued by CRA/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 147.896.475 -87, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, and by its officer **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*;

5. **INVEST III, INC.**, a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, headquartered at East Asia Chambers, P.O. Box 901, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, United Kingdom, herein represented according to its bylaws by its officer **Arthur Joaquim de Carvalho**, Brazilian, married, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 3.749, issued by CRA/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 147.896.475 -87, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*;

6. **OPP I FUNDO DE INVESTIMENTO EM AÇÕES**, an equity investment fund for equity investments (*fundo de investimento em ações*) duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 00.083.181/0001 -67, headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904*, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, herein represented according to its corporate documents by its Administrator's representative **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal

Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira Lima**, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 103, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

7. **OPPORTUNITY ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.**, a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands, headquartered at Walker House 87 Mary Street, Grand Cayman, KY1 9002, Cayman Islands, herein represented according to its corporate documents by its attorneys-in-fact **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)* and **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 94, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

8. **OPPORTUNITY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 68.579.218/0001 -86, headquartered in the city of Três Rios, state of Rio de Janeiro, at *Rua Manoel Duarte, n° 14, salas 102, 104 e 106*, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av.*

Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte) and by its attorney-in-fact **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 104, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

9. OPPORTUNITY GESTORA DE RECURSOS LTDA., a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.608.570/0001 -21, headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, Downtown, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)* and by its attorney-in-fact **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the private power-of-attorney of 04/17/2008, a copy of which is filed in these Notes;

10. OPPORTUNITY INVEST II LTDA., a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.969.204/0001 -06, headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, herein represented, according to its articles of association, by its manager **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira**

Lima, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 109, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

11. **OPPORTUNITY LÓGICA GESTÃO DE RECURSOS LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 07.263.709/0001 -29, headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, Downtown, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira Lima**, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 106, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

12. **OPPORTUNITY LÓGICA II FIA**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), headquartered at *Rua Manoel Duarte, n° 14, sala 104*, in the city of Três Rios, state of Rio de Janeiro, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.909.405/0001 -00, herein represented according to its articles of association by its Manager s representative **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact **Ana Carolina de Oliveira**

Silva Moreira Lima, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 102, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

13. **OPPORTUNITY LÓGICA RIO CONSULTORIA E PARTICIPAÇÕES LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.909.405/0001 -00, headquartered at *Rua Manoel Duarte, n° 14, sala 104 (parte)*, Três Rios, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its attorneys-in-fact **Itamar Benigno Filho**, Brazilian, single, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 04.654.446 -6 issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 506.599.607 -53, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 29° andar, sala 2904 (parte)*, and **Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira Lima**, Brazilian, married, lawyer, bearer of the identity card n. 108.473, issued by OAB/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 075.640.177 -16, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the terms of the power-of-attorney drafted in the Notes of the *17° Ofício Local*, in the Book 6834, page 100, in 04-18-2008, a copy of which was filed with these Notes;

14. **TIMEPART PARTICIPAÇÕES LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 02.338.536/0001 -47, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Maria Amalia Delfim de Melo Coutrim**, Brazilian, married, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 12.944, issued by CORECON/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 654.298.507 -72, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*;

15. **OPPORTUNITY CONSULTORIA LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 01.608.569/0001 -05, headquartered at *Rua Manoel Duarte, n° 14, sala 102 (parte)*, Downtown, Três Rios, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Verônica Valente Dantas**, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)* and by its attorney-in-fact **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, according to the power-of-attorney of 04/17/2008;

16. **OPPORTUNITY INVESTIMENTOS LTDA.**, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 03.605.085/0001 -20, headquartered at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, Downtown, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, herein represented according to its articles of association by its manager **Maria Amalia Delfim de Melo Coutrim**, Brazilian, married, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 12.944, issued by CORECON/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 654.298.507 -72, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*;

17. **OPPORTUNITY EQUITY PARTNERS LTD.**, a company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands, headquartered at P.O. Box 309, Uglan House, South Church Street, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, BWI, herein represented according to its corporate documents by its officer **Arthur Joaquim de Carvalho**, Brazilian, married, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 3.749, issued by CRA/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 147.896.475 -87, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, and by its attorney-in-fact

Verônica Valente Dantas, Brazilian, divorced, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 1.083.309, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 262.853.205 -00, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*, according to the power-of-attorney of the *17° Ofício Local*, book 6839, page 104;

18. **PRIVTEL INVESTIMENTOS S.A.**, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), headquartered at *Av. Rio Branco, 245, sala 3003 (parte)*, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 02.620.949/0001 -10, herein represented according to its bylaws by its officer **Eduardo Cintra Santos**, Brazilian, engineer, bearer of the identity card n. 00902893-58, issued by SSP/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 064.858.395 -34, resident and domiciled in the city of Simões Filho, in the state of Bahia, with commercial address at *Via Periférica I, n° 3431, Centro Industrial de Aratu*;

19. **TELECOM HOLDING S.A.**, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), headquartered at *Av. Rio Branco, 245, sala 3003 (parte)*, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 02.621.133/0001 -00, herein represented according to its bylaws by its officers **Arthur Joaquim de Carvalho**, Brazilian, married, business administrator, bearer of the identity card n. 3.749, issued by CRA/BA, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 147.896.475 -87, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*; and **Danielle Silbergleid Ninio**, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*;

20. **TELEUNION S.A.**, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), headquartered at *Av. Rio Branco, 245, sala 3003 (parte)*, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, state of Rio de Janeiro, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 02.605.026/0001 -99, by its Officers **Danielle Silbergleid**

Ninio, Brazilian, married, graduated in Law, bearer of the identity card n. 09.896.765 -6, issued by IFP/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 016.744.087 -06, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)* and **Maria Amalia Delfim de Melo Coutrim**, Brazilian, married, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 12.944, issued by CORECON/RJ, enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 654.298.507 -72, resident and domiciled in the city and state of Rio de Janeiro, with commercial address at *Av. Presidente Wilson, n° 231, 28° andar (parte)*; the **Parties from (1) to (20)** above hereinafter referred to as **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** ;

21. **BRASIL TELECOM S.A.**, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 76.535.764/0001 -43, headquartered at *SIA/SUL ASP, Lote D, Bloco A*, in the city of Brasília, Distrito Federal, herein represented according to its bylaws by the officers **Paulo Narcélio Simões Amaral**, Brazilian, married, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 05798805-7, issued by IFP/RJ, and enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 790.422.877 -72, and **Francisco Aurélio Sampaio Santiago**, Brazilian, married, engineer, bearer of the identity card n. 244543, issued by SSP/SE, and enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 145.053.631 -04, both with temporary address in the city of Brasília, Distrito Federal, at *SIA/SUL ASP, Lote D, Bloco A*;

22. **BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.**, a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the Brazilian Federal Republic (*República Federativa do Brasil*), enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CNPJ/MF n. 02.570.688/0001 -70, headquartered at *SIA/SUL ASP, Lote D, Bloco A*, in the city of Brasília, Distrito Federal, herein represented according to its bylaws by the officers **Paulo Narcélio Simões Amaral**, Brazilian, married, economist, bearer of the identity card n. 05798805-7, issued by IFP/RJ, and enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 790.422.877 -72, and **Francisco Aurélio Sampaio Santiago**, Brazilian, married, engineer, bearer of the identity card n. 244543, issued by SSP/SE, and enrolled before the Federal Revenue Service under CPF/MF n. 145.053.631 -04, both with temporary address in the city of Brasília, Distrito Federal, at *SIA/SUL ASP, Lote D, Bloco A*;

involved in, directly or indirectly, Claims of any nature between the **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates);

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WHEREAS BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates) are interested in putting an end to the existing Claims and avoiding new Claims involving **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates), including those listed in Exhibits III and V;

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WHEREAS OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates) and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates), without recognizing the origin of or holding themselves liable for the existing mutual Claims between them, reached the conclusion that avoiding additional spending of time, effort and funds in the continuation of the current Claims and in the filing of additional ones in the future serves their mutual interest, as long as pursuant to the terms and conditions provided hereof;

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WHEREAS TELEMAR, for the purpose of achieving the goal referred to in the first WHEREAS clause, expresses its willingness to make a payment of a certain amount in Brazilian local currency to **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES**; and

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WHEREAS OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates) and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates) are interested in settling and definitively ending all their Claims and avoiding new Claims, even if the acquisition of the control of **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** by **TELEMAR** is not concluded.

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NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree to enter into this Deed Public Instrument of Transaction, Renunciation, and Settlement (Agreement), under the following terms and conditions:

"Claim" shall mean and encompass any and all claims, litigations, requests, actions, suits, pleading, cause of action, complaints, protest, processes or proceedings (judicial, arbitral or administrative), as well as claims of any nature, or even any intention to file a lawsuit or expectant right, including those referring to any and all acts of management and/or control, fiduciary relationship, breach of contract, questions, queries of material or moral nature, of tangible or intangible nature, direct or indirect damages of any nature, including, but not limited to, actual damages, compensation, damages to the image and/or honor (subjective or objective) of any Person, loss of earnings, unjust enrichment, doubts, debts, disputes, liabilities of any nature, obligations, pleas, inquisitions, costs, expenses, indemnities, compensations, and complaints that relate to omissions, acts or facts (known or unknown) that have occurred on or before the date hereof, that any of **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (and their respective Affiliates) have practiced, or even if they haven t, may mutually allege, file or claim. It is hereby clarified that the definition of Claim encompasses any issue in connection with the agreements listed in Exhibit IV. The suits listed in Exhibit III-3 are not encompassed in the definition of Claim.

"Party" shall mean individually any of **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES, BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** and **TELEMAR**.

"Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, company, entity, investment fund, *trust*, non-formed legal entities or group of persons (including *partnership, joint venture* or consortium), Governmental Authority, international or multilateral organizations or other entity, as well as any successors and assignees thereof under any title.

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1.2. Within this Agreement, unless otherwise expressly provided for:

(i) references in this Agreement to sections or items shall mean references to sections or items of this Agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise;

full, general, comprehensive and unlimited release to **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (and their respective Affiliates) with respect to any and all Claims, including those listed in Exhibit III hereof, also encompassing, but not limited to, any acts or facts of control and/or management, known or unknown, also irrevocably waiving any right, action or intention to initiate, file, represent or claim, under any form, on any grounds, cause of action or under any title, new Claims, including before any Governmental Authority, in Brazil or abroad. For the sake of clarity of the provisions hereof, and in any way limiting their scope, it is clarified that the unlimited release hereby granted encompasses any Claims (including indemnity and/or recovery claims aiming at compensation, pecuniary damages, like actual damages and or loss of earnings, pain and suffering, unjust enrichment or any other form of legal liability of any nature) of **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates) against **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and their respective Affiliates).

3.1.2.1 **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their respective directly and indirectly controlled companies, and Affiliates) also irrevocably agree to grant, through this instrument, full, general, comprehensive and unlimited release to the Persons listed in Exhibit II hereof, with respect to the entering into and performance of this instrument and also to any and all Claims, including those listed in Exhibit III, also encompassing, but not limited to, any acts or facts of control and/or management, known or unknown, as long as related to the litigations involving the **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and their Affiliates. Within the limits defined in this item, **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** shall hold the Persons listed in Exhibit II fully harmless from and against any losses, injuries, damages, costs, penalties, disbursements or liabilities and also court costs and attorney fees, including pursuant to the provisions of article 404 of Brazilian Civil Code.

3.1.3 **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES**, themselves and on behalf of their respective Affiliates, undertake to, in the shortest possible term (but in any case within ten (10) days counted as of the Implementation Date), file before

3.3.2 It is hereby agreed that the Claims listed in Exhibit III shall be suspended by the joint initiative of **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) for the period of six (6) months for the purpose of the provisions of this Agreement. The suspension of the suits shall be requested through a petition to be filed within three (3) business days counted as of the entering into of this instrument, pursuant to the petitions contained in Exhibit III-2. If until the expiration of the term of stay of the suits the Required Approvals are not yet obtained, the referred Parties shall submit in all the suits new requests for suspension, for the additional period of six (6) months. If necessary, the Parties shall in good faith seek new extensions of the suspension of the suits until the Required Approvals are obtained.

3.3.3 If the suspension provided for in item 3.3.2 is not granted in a certain suit, and without prejudice to the Parties (and/or their Affiliates) seeking to reverse the decision denying the suspension, the Parties (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) agree that they shall only comply with the peremptory terms/deadlines, without prejudice to what is provided for in item 3.3.1.

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3.4 Without any prejudice to the releases and obligations undertaken in the current instrument, **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) and **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) expressly agree, for all legal purposes, that the effects of these Agreements shall not reach or benefit third party service providers, maintaining the solidarity, except for the lawyers listed in Exhibits VII and VIII, who are granted full release by the referred Parties through this instrument, for acts practiced until the date hereof.

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3.5 It is hereby agreed between the Parties that the current transaction does not reach the suits listed in Exhibit III-3, so that the Parties are free to proceed with, pursue and also file any new initiative only within the Judiciary and as long as it refers to the causes of action and the facts mentioned in the suits indicated therein, except to what refers to trust, acts of management and/or control of **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** by **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and persons indicated by the latter, which is hereby expressly prohibited.

OPPORTUNITY PARTIES (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) contained in Section Ten below and of any other provided for in this Agreement.

6.1.1 For any event of default of any of the obligations, releases, representations and warranties provided for in this Agreement, each **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTY** shall be individually liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is hereby agreed that: (i) the Party **OPPORTUNITY GESTORA DE RECURSOS LTDA.** shall be held jointly liable and without the benefit of order, pursuant to the provisions of article 275 of Brazilian Civil Code, for/with each Affiliate listed in Exhibit I, Item (A); and (ii) the Party **OPPORTUNITY LÓGICA GESTÃO DE RECURSOS LTDA.** shall be held jointly liable and without the benefit of order, pursuant to the provisions of article 275 of Brazilian Civil Code, for/with each Affiliate listed in Exhibit I, Item (B).

6.1.2 **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** hereby irrevocably represent that they do not know any Person under their control that have any Claim against **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (and their Affiliates) that may frustrate, hinder or make ineffective the object of this Agreement.

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SECTION SEVEN BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES OBLIGATION OF HOLDING OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES AND THEIR AFFILIATES HARMLESS

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7.1. **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) undertake to hold **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (and their respective Affiliates), fully harmless from and against any losses, injuries, damages, costs, penalties, disbursements or liabilities and also court costs of any nature and attorney fees, including pursuant to the provisions of article 404 of Brazilian Civil Code, that any of **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (and their respective Affiliates) may incur or suffer, individually or collectively, as a result of (i) the filing by any of **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (or respective Affiliates) of any Claims, including any Claim not listed in Exhibit III (even if based on the same causes of action of the Claims listed in the referred Exhibit); (ii) the violation of any of the releases and/or any of the obligations undertaken by **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) in the current Agreement and (iii) the breach of any of the representations

and warranties of the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) contained in Section Ten below and of any other provided for in this Agreement.

7.1.1 **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** hereby irrevocably represent that they do not know any Person under their control that have any Claim against **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (and their Affiliates) that may frustrate, hinder or make ineffective the object of this Agreement.

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SECTION EIGHT INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE OTHER PARTIES TO HOLD TELEMAR HARMLESS

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8.1 **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) irrevocably represent and acknowledge that the payments mentioned in Section Five above shall be made by **TELEMAR** exclusively in the capacity of interested third party and does not result in the undertaking by **TELEMAR** of any obligation, burden or liability, of any nature, in connection with any Claim involving the **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** and respective Affiliates. Accordingly, **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates), always subject to the provisions of item 6.1.1 above, irrevocably undertake with respect to **TELEMAR**, to hold the latter harmless from and against any losses, injuries, damages, costs (including defeated party's fees, court fees and costs), penalties, disbursements or liabilities and also compensation of any nature, deriving from the non observance by the **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** of the recognition of its condition of third party not bound to the Claims provided for in this item. **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) also undertake to reimburse **TELEMAR** for the amount of any payment it may be forced to make in connection with fees, expenses and costs indicated in this item.

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8.2 **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) irrevocably represent and acknowledge that the payments mentioned in Section Five above shall be made by **TELEMAR** exclusively in the capacity of interested third party and does not result in the undertaking by **TELEMAR** of any obligation, burden or liability, of any nature, in connection with any Claim involving the **OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES** and the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** and respective Affiliates. Accordingly, **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of

their Affiliates), jointly and without the benefit of order, irrevocably undertake with respect to **TELEMAR**, to hold the latter harmless from and against any losses, injuries, damages, costs (including defeated party's fees, court fees and costs), penalties, disbursements or liabilities and also compensation of any nature, deriving from the non observance by the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** of the recognition of its condition of third party not bound to the Claims provided for in this item. **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) also undertake to reimburse **TELEMAR** for the amount of any payment it may be forced to make in connection with fees, expenses and costs indicated in this item.

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SECTION NINE NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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9.1. Nothing in this Agreement or its Exhibits, not even the payment to be made by **TELEMAR** to **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES**, and nor any act performed or document entered into in accordance with or as a result of this Agreement is or may be deemed or may be used as an acknowledgment, confession or evidence, or even the origin (i) of any Claim encompassed by this Agreement or of any obligation of any of the Parties or their respective Affiliates, or (ii) of any act or omission of any of the Parties or their respective Affiliates in any civil, criminal or administrative suit or proceeding, in any court or appellate court, or in any other circumstance.

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SECTION TEN REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

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10.1. Each of the Parties hereby represents and warranties to the other Parties that:

- (i) is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the state where it was incorporated and has the legal capacity to undertake the obligations agreed to herein;
- (ii) is duly informed, including through legal advice of its respective lawyers, and understands the terms, conditions and effects of this Agreement and took an independent decision to execute it;
- (iii) personally or through its lawyers, it satisfactorily investigated and got informed on all the relevant and material facts and circumstances for the entering into of this Agreement, accepting its terms and conditions;

Section Six and Seven, respectively, in item 12.10 below and in the other provisions of this Agreement and pursuant to the law.

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11.2 **TELEMAR** shall be liable for the damages and losses in case of violation of the representations and warranties provided pursuant to Section Ten of this Agreement, without prejudice to the specific execution of the payments provided in Section Five.

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11.3 Failure to obtain the Required Approvals provided for in item 3.2.1 by **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates) shall not be deemed a default of this Agreement.

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11.4 Pursuant to the provisions of item 2.3 above, the current Agreement is autonomous with respect to the business that involves the sale and purchase of the controlling interest of **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** by **TELEMAR**. Accordingly, in case of any default of or impossibility, by imposition or law or decision of any Governmental Authority, to conclude that business, the present Agreement shall not suffer any consequences, provided that the non-approval of sale of the referred controlling interest of the **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES** to **TELEMAR** (or any of its Affiliates) neither shall characterize an event of default, casualty, act of God, termination of the current instrument, nor shall it trigger any kind of right, action or claim in favor of **TELEMAR** to hold itself harmless, recover, restore or reimburse the amounts owed pursuant to the provisions of Section Five of this instrument.

11.4.1 In view of the foregoing, **TELEMAR** hereby waives any right to any reimbursement, recovering, indemnity, damages, losses, loss of earnings or any other form of advantage or compensation, in connection with the amounts that are paid in compliance with the terms of this instruments, ratifying its obligation of making the payments provided for in Section Five, even if the non-approval of the business described in item 11.4 occurs before the maturing of the obligation to pay **BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES**.

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SECTION TWELVE MISCELLANEOUS

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12.1. Any notices, requests, complaints, claims, directions or any other type of communication to be made pursuant to this Agreement to any Party shall be in writing and sent to the respective person through a letter with the respective notice of receipt through the *Cartório de Títulos e Documentos* (notary office) or by facsimile as long as with the

respective confirmation of sending, to the following addresses (or to any other address or numbers, as long as previously informed, pursuant to this Agreement, to the other Parties):

(i) IF to OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES (and Affiliates):

Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 28º andar (parte)
Rio de Janeiro, RJ 20030-021
Att.: Verônica Valente Dantas, Arthur Joaquim de Carvalho and Danielle Silbergleid Ninio
Facsimile: + (55) (21) 3804-3480
E-mail: vdantas@opportunity.com.br; acarvalho@opportunity.com.br; dsilbergleid@opportunity.com.br.
Av. Presidente Wilson, nº 231, 29º andar (parte)
Rio de Janeiro, RJ 20030-021
Att.: Dório Ferman
Facsimile: + (55) (21) 3804-3480
E-mail: dferman@opportunity.com.br
Copy to:
Barbosa, Müssnich & Aragão Advogados
Av. Almirante Barroso, nº 52, 32º andar
Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Att.: Francisco Antunes Maciel Müssnich
Fac-símile: + (55) (21) 3824 6090
E-mail: famm@bmalaw.com.br

(ii) If to BRASIL TELECOM PARTIES (and Affiliates):

SIA/SUL ASP, Lote D, Bloco A, Brasília, Distrito Federal, Brasil
CEP 71.215 -000
Fac-símile: + (55) (61) 3415-9419
Att.: Darwin Corrêa
E-mail: darwin@brasiltelecom.com.br
Copy to:
Leoni Siqueira Advogados
Av. Rio Branco 138, 6º andar
Rio de Janeiro, RJ 20040-002, Brasil
Att.: Sérgio Ros Brasil
Facsimile: + (55) (21) 3077-3999

understanding or commitment, whether written or verbal, known or unknown, that may have existed between the Parties at any moment prior to the entering into of this instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties (themselves and on behalf of their Affiliates), irrevocably and by their authorized representatives with sufficient powers, execute this Agreement, which shall be binding on them and their successors under any title. The Parties told me that they accept the current Deed as it is written, for being the expression of the truth. So they said, which I attest, and they asked me to draw up the current Deed which, having been read aloud was accepted and executed, the witnesses being dismissed, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance (*Provimento*) 18/1 of CGJ/RJ.

I, CARLOS ALBERTO PIRES JARDIM, Substitute Notary Public, read it aloud, subscribe and conclude, getting the signatures.

OPPORTUNITY/BANCO OPPORTUNITY PARTIES:

BANCO OPPORTUNITY S.A.
Itamar Benigno Filho

Ana Carolina de Oliveira Silva Moreira Lima

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OPPORTUNITY GESTORA DE RECURSOS LTDA.

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TELEMAR:

TELEMAR NORTE LESTE S.A.
Luiz Eduardo Falco Pires Corrêa

José Luís Magalhães Salazar

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: May 13, 2008

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

By: /s/ Paulo Narcélio Simões
 Amaral

Name: Paulo Narcélio Simões
Amaral
Title: Chief Financial
Officer

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