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Embratel Participações S.A. (Embrapar)**NYSE: EMT; BOVESPA: EBTP3, EBTP4**

The Company holds 98.8 percent of

Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A. - Embratel
("Embratel").

EMBRATEL ANNOUNCES EXPIRATION OF EXCHANGE OFFER

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 9, 2004 – Embratel Participações S.A. (Embratel Holdings) (BOVESPA: EBTP4; EBTP3 – NYSE: EMT) announced today that the offer by its subsidiary, Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A. — Embratel (Embratel), to exchange up to US\$275 million aggregate principal amount of Embratel's registered 11.0% Guaranteed Notes due 2008 for any and all of Embratel's outstanding unregistered 11.0% Guaranteed Notes due 2008 (the "Old Notes") expired by its terms at 5:00 p.m. (EST) on August 6, 2004.

The Exchange Agent has informed Embratel that holders tendered or guaranteed delivery of US\$ 272,785,000 in aggregate principal amount of Old Notes in the exchange offer. This amount represents approximately 99.19% of the outstanding Old Notes.

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to buy or exchange any securities. The exchange offer was made only by means of the prospectus dated June 29, 2004.

Embratel is the premium telecommunications provider in Brazil and offers an ample variety of telecom services –local and long distance telephony, advanced voice, high-speed data transmission, Internet, satellite data communications, and corporate networks. The company is a leader in the country for data services and Internet, and is highly qualified to be an all-distance network carrier in Latin America. Embratel's network spreads countrywide, with almost 29 thousand kms of optic cables, which represents about one million and sixty-nine thousand km of fiber optics.

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The information contained in this release may be deemed to include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that involve risk and uncertainty. Although the Company believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be achieved. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations due to regulatory risks and other risks referred to in the Company's filings with the CVM and SEC. The Company does not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to its forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.