

TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR PARTICIPACOES

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November, 2003

Commission File Number 001-14489

TELE CENTRO OESTE PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tele Centro Oeste Participações Holding Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

SCS - Quadra 2, Bloco C, Edifício Anexo-Telebrasil Celular

-7° Andar, Brasília, D.F.

Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the 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

(Convenience Translation into English from the
Original Previously Issued in Portuguese)

***Tele Centro Oeste Celular
Participações S.A. and
Subsidiaries***

*Interim Financial Statements
for the Quarter and Nine-month Period
Ended September 30, 2003
and Independent Accountants' Review Report*

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Auditores Independentes

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

To the Shareholders and Management of
Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A.
Brasília - DF

1. We have made a special review of the accompanying interim financial statements of Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. (the Company) and subsidiaries, consisting of the individual and consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2003, and the related statements of operations for the quarter and nine-month period then ended, the performance report and relevant information, all expressed in Brazilian reais and prepared in accordance with Brazilian accounting practices under the responsibility of the Company's management.
2. We conducted our review in accordance with specific standards established by the Brazilian Institute of Independent Auditors (IBRACON), together with the Federal Accounting Council, which consisted principally of: (a) inquiries of and discussions with persons responsible for the accounting, financial and operating areas as to the criteria adopted in preparing the interim financial statements, and (b) review of the information and subsequent events that had or might have had material effects on the financial position and operations of the Company and its subsidiaries.
3. Based on our special review, we are not aware of any material modification that should be made to the interim financial statements referred to in paragraph 1 for them to be in conformity with Brazilian accounting practices and standards issued by the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM), specifically applicable to the preparation of mandatory quarterly information.
4. The individual and consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2003, presented for comparative purposes, were reviewed by us, and our report thereon, dated July 18, 2003, was unqualified. The individual and consolidated statements of operations for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2002, presented for comparative purposes, were reviewed by other independent auditors whose report thereon, dated November 6, 2002, was unqualified.
5. The accompanying interim financial statements have been translated into English for the convenience of readers outside Brazil.

São Paulo, October 21, 2003

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU
Auditors Independentes

José Domingos do Prado
Engagement Partner

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

(Amounts in thousands of Brazilian reais - R\$, unless otherwise indicated)

1. OPERATIONS

Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. (Company or TCO) is a publicly-traded company, which as of September 30, 2003 is owned by Telesp Celular Participações S.A. (TCP) (61.10% of voting capital and 20.37% of total capital), which in turn is controlled by Brasilcel N.V. (Brasilcel). Brasilcel is controlled by Telefónica Móviles, S.A. (50.000% of total capital), PT Móveis - Serviços de Telecomunicações, SGPS, S.A. (49.999% of total capital), and Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A. (0.001% of total capital).

On April 10, 2003, the National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL) approved the transfer of the equity interest held by BID S.A. in TCO.

On April 25, 2003, TCO was informed by its controlling shareholder of the conclusion of the transfer of the Company's equity interest to TCP, under the Preliminary Contract for Purchase and Sale of Shares and the Contract for Purchase and Sale of Shares. As of that date, the operation was settled and the aforementioned shares representing TCO's controlling interest were transferred to TCP.

The Company is the controlling company of Telegoiás Celular S.A. (Telegoiás), Telemat Celular S.A. (Telemat), Telems Celular S.A. (Telems), Teleron Celular S.A. (Teleron) and Teleacre Celular S.A. (Teleacre), which provide, through authorizations or concessions, wireless communications services in the States of Goiás, Tocantins, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Rondônia and Acre, respectively, and owns 100% of Norte Brasil Telecom S.A. (NBT) which provides, through authorizations or concessions, wireless communications services in the States of Amazonas, Roraima, Amapá, Pará and Maranhão, including related services. The Company also owns TCO IP S.A. (TCO IP), which provides telecommunications services, Internet access, solutions and other.

Telecommunications services provided by the subsidiaries, including related services, are regulated by ANATEL, as authorized by Law No. 9,472, of July 16, 1997, and the respective regulations, decrees, decisions and plans.

Migration from SMC to SMP

On February 3, 2003, ANATEL, TCO and its subsidiaries Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleron, Teleacre and NBT signed a document authorizing Personal Mobile Service (SMP), effective from the date of publication in the official government newspaper on February 5, 2003.

Authorizations granted to TCO and to Telegoiás, Telemat, Telems, Teleron, Teleacre and NBT are valid for the remaining periods of the concessions previously granted and currently replaced, to July 24, 2006, October 29, 2008, March 30, 2009, September 28, 2009, July 21, 2009, July 15, 2009 and November 29, 2013, respectively, and may be renewed once for 15 years, on a chargeable basis.

On July 6, 2003, the wireless operators implemented the Carrier Selection Code (CSP) on national (VC2 and VC3) and international long distance calls, in accordance with SMP rules. The operators no longer receive VC2 and VC3 revenues; instead, they receive interconnection revenues for the use of their networks on these calls.

2. PRESENTATION OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The individual and consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Brazilian accounting practices as defined by corporate law, standards applicable to concessionaires of public telecommunication services, and accounting standards and procedures established by the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM).

The consolidated financial statements include the balances and transactions of the Company and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 2003.

The financial statements as of June 30, 2003 and September 30, 2002 have been reclassified, where applicable, for comparison purposes.

In consolidation, all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

3. SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

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The principal accounting practices adopted by the Company and its subsidiaries in the preparation of the interim financial statements as of September 30, 2003 are basically those described in the annual financial statements as of December 31, 2002.

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Company		Consolidated	
	09.30.03	06.30.03	09.30.03	06.30.03
Cash and banks	3,248	26,701	9,781	53,254
Temporary cash investments	142,885	18,571	986,038	669,685
Total	146,133	45,272	995,819	722,939

Temporary cash investments refer principally to fixed-income bank deposit certificates (CDBs), indexed to interbank deposit (CDI) rates.

5. SECURITIES

Debentures	Annual interest rate	Maturity	Company		Consolidated	
			09.30.03	06.30.03	09.30.03	06.30.03
FIXCEL	CDI plus 2%	August 8, 2003	-	147,054	-	223,522
Total			-	147,054	-	223,522

The Company, directly and through its subsidiaries, acquired debentures issued by FIXCEL S.A. in the amount of R\$660,000, of which R\$470,000 was on July 2, 2002 and R\$190,000 on August 13, 2002, with maturities on June 27, 2003 and August 8, 2003, respectively, the liquidation dates.

6. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Company		Consolidated	
	09.30.03	06.30.03	09.30.03	06.30.03
Unbilled amounts	21,655	16,237	73,169	51,490
Billed amounts	42,849	42,836	150,559	132,688
Interconnection	27,925	19,199	118,462	71,884
Products sold	11,018	10,503	59,465	55,401
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(7,268)	(6,431)	(34,423)	(32,648)
Total	96,179	82,344	367,232	278,815

Changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts are as follows:

	Company		Consolidated	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Beginning balance	4,734	9,118	26,595	40,781
Addition to allowance for Q1	2,021	2,216	9,510	10,402

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Write-offs (Q1)	(1,583)	(2,217)	(7,763)	(12,077)
Balance as of March 31	5,172	9,117	28,342	39,106
Addition to allowance for Q2	3,139	3,253	14,948	10,701
Write-offs (Q2)	(1,880)	(1,888)	(10,642)	(9,425)
Balance as of June 30	6,431	10,482	32,648	40,382
Addition to (reversal of) allowance for Q3	3,247	(1,459)	13,888	3,702
Write-offs (Q3)	(2,410)	(4,495)	(12,113)	(18,669)
Balances as of September 30	7,268	4,528	34,423	25,415

7. INVENTORIES

	Company		Consolidated	
	09.30.03	06.30.03	09.30.03	06.30.03
Digital handsets	5,671	4,916	37,843	26,459
Other	2,822	2,842	9,570	10,332
Allowance for obsolescence	(376)	(376)	(1,329)	(1,329)
Total	8,117	7,382	46,084	35,462

8. DEFERRED AND RECOVERABLE TAXES

	Company		Consolidated
	09.30.03	06.30.03	09.30.03