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 DECEMBER 23,2003

(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 Regristrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes _____ No ___X___

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Brasil Telecom Answers Bovespa s Request

In response to a Bovespa s request, which is free translated below:

We request a clarification regarding the article posted in the 'Folha de São Paulo' newspaper, last December 19, 2003, identified as 'Brasil Telecom to study iG Acquisition', as well as related to other information considered material.

Brasil Telecom S.A. clarifies that, related to the article posted last week, there is no outstanding fact to be posted or disclosed. We believe that all information mentioned in such article shall be exclusively attributed to the journalist who wrote it.

Indeed, we clarify that Brasil Telecom s Senior Management was authorized to deal iG acquisition according to a Board of Director s Meeting, held on December 18, 2003, and we assure there s no bid offer so far.

Brasil Telecom remains at your disposal for further comments if needed.

Brasília, December 22, 2003.

Carla Cico

CEO and Investor Relations Officer Brasil Telecom S.A.

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 23, 2003

BRASIL TELECOM S.A.

By: /s/ Carla Cico

Name: Carla Cico

Title: President and Chief

Executive Officer