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MCI CLOSES THE SALE OF EMBRATTEL'S CONTROL STAKE TO TELMEX

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 23, 2004 – Embratel Participações S.A. ("EMBRAPAR") (NYSE: EMT; BOVESPA: EBTP3, EBTP4), the Company that holds 98.8 percent of the total capital of Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações S.A. – EMBRATTEL ("EMBRATEL") announced today that it has been informed by MCI, Inc. ("MCI") (NASDAQ: MCIP) and Teléfonos de México, S.A. de C.V. ("TELMEX") (NYSE: TMX; NASDAQ: TFONY) that TELMEX has completed its acquisition of MCI's equity stake in EMBRAPAR.

Under the sale agreement announced on March 15, 2004 and subsequently amended, TELMEX paid an aggregate of US\$400 million cash for MCI's 19.26 percent economic interest and 51.79 percent voting interest in Embratel.

Embratel is the premier communications provider in Brazil offering a wide array of advanced communications services over its own state-of-the-art network. It is the leading provider of data and Internet services in the country and is well positioned to be the country's only true national, local service provider for corporates. Service offerings: include telephony, advanced voice, high-speed data communication services, Internet, satellite data communications, corporate networks and local voice services for corporate clients. Embratel is uniquely positioned to be the all-distance telecommunications network of South America. The Company's network has countrywide coverage with 28,868 km of fiber cables comprising 1,068,657 km of optic fibers.

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availability of interconnection facilities, regulation risks, contingent liabilities, collection risks, and the impact of competitive services and pricing, as well as other risks referred 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.