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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 ANNOUNCES
MCI AMMENDS AGREEMENT TO SELL ITS INVESTMENT TO TELMEX

Embratel Participações S.A. (Embrapar) announced today that it has been informed by MCI (WCOEQ, MCWEQ) that MCI has signed an amendment agreement with Teléfonos de México, S.A. de C.V. (BMV: TELMEX; NYSE: TMX; NASDAQ: TFONY; LATIBEX: XTMXL) (Telmex) to sell its 19.26 percent economic interest and a 51.79 percent voting interest in Embrapar. The new agreement, which has been approved by the MCI Board of Directors, increases the cash purchase price to be paid by Telmex to \$400 million from \$360 million and establishes a US\$12.2 million transaction termination fee.

The amended agreement also provides for a US\$50 million up-front payment to MCI by Telmex – which would be retained by MCI if the proposed transaction cannot be consummated because of the inability to obtain regulatory approvals.

MCI has filed the amended sale contract with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York and has requested a hearing to approve the termination fee on April 26, 2004. If the termination fee is not approved by the Court, Telmex will have the option of reducing the purchase price to \$360 million.

The Bankruptcy Court hearing for approval of the sale to TELMEX is scheduled for April 27, 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.

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 MCI's bankruptcy proceedings and matters related thereto, as well as 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.

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