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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

### Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 20-F/A

## (Amendment No. 1)

#### " REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR

#### x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

OR

#### TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR

" SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Commission file number: 001-15256

# **BRASIL TELECOM S.A.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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N/A

(Translation of Registrant s Name into English)

The Federative Republic of Brazil (Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class Common Shares, without par value, each represented by American Depositary Shares Name of Each Exchange on which Registered New York Stock Exchange

Preferred Shares, without par value, each represented by American New York Stock Exchange Depositary Shares Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

The total number of issued shares of each class of stock of Brasil Telecom S.A. as of December 31, 2010 was:

203,423,176 common shares, without par value

399,597,370 preferred shares, without par value

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes x No "

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No  $\ddot{}$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes "No"

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP "

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued Other "

by the International Accounting Standards Board x

If Other has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow. "Item 17 x Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 to our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, which was originally filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 2, 2010 (our Original 2010 20-F), is being filed solely for the purpose of amending our Original 2010 20-F to reflect the correction of contractual obligations under our maintenance contracts contained in the contractual commitments table and related disclosures.

This Amendment No. 1 has not been updated except as required to reflect the revisions stated above. This Amendment No. 1 only amends and restates the Items described below as required to reflect the revisions described above and does not reflect events that have occurred after the May 2, 2011 filing date of our Original Form 20-F, or modify or update other disclosures presented therein.

This Amendment No. 1 amends and restates the following Items:

Part I Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Liquidity and Capital Resources Projected Sources and Uses of Cash.

Part I Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Contractual Commitments.

Part III Item 19. Exhibits.

While the above Items have been reproduced in full as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, no changes have been made to such Items, except to reflect the corrections stated above, or to any other Items.

In addition, this Amendment No. 1 includes currently dated certifications by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 17 CFR 240. 15D-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that are attached to this Amendment No. 1 as Exhibits 12.01 and 12.02 and 13.01.

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#### PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

All references herein to *real*, *reais* or R\$ are to the Brazilian *real*, the official currency of Brazil. All references to U.S. dollars, dollars or U are to U.S. dollars.

On April 26, 2011, the exchange rate for *reais* into U.S. dollars was R\$1.565 to US\$1.00, based on the selling rate as reported by the Central Bank of Brazil (*Banco Central do Brasil*), or the Central Bank. The selling rate was R\$1.666 to US\$1.00 at December 31, 2010, R\$1.741 to US\$1.00 at December 31, 2009, and R\$2.337 to US\$1.00 at December 31, 2008, in each case, as reported by the Central Bank. The *real*/U.S. dollar exchange rate fluctuates widely, and the selling rate at April 26, 2011 may not be indicative of future exchange rates. See Item 3. Key Information Exchange Rates for information regarding exchange rates for the *real* since January 1, 2006.

Solely for the convenience of the reader, we have translated some amounts included in Item 3. Key Information Selected Financial Information and in this annual report from *reais* into U.S. dollars using the selling rate as reported by the Central Bank at December 31, 2010 of R\$1.666 to US\$1.00. These translations should not be considered representations that any such amounts have been, could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at that or at any other exchange rate.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires:

all references to Brasil Telecom are to Brasil Telecom S.A.;

all references to our company, we, our, ours, us or similar terms are to Brasil Telecom S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries;

all references to our Common ADSs are to American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, each representing one common share of our company, all references to our Preferred ADSs are to ADSs, each representing three preferred shares of our company, and all references to our ADSs are to our Common ADSs and Preferred ADSs;

all references to Brazil are to the Federative Republic of Brazil; and

all references to the Brazilian government are to the federal government of the Federative Republic of Brazil. Financial Statements

We maintain our books and records in reais.

Our consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the two years ended December 31, 2010 have been audited, as stated in the report appearing herein, and are included in this annual report.

We prepared our consolidated financial statements included in this annual report in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards , or IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, or the IASB. These consolidated annual financial statements are our first annual consolidated financial statements to be prepared in accordance with IFRS. IFRS 1, First-time Adoption of International Reporting Standards, has been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements, considering that our previous primary GAAP was Brazilian GAAP and that we have considered January 1, 2009 as the date of transition to IFRS. Reconciliations and descriptions of the effects of the transition from Brazilian GAAP to IFRS are included in note 3 to our consolidated financial statements.

Until December 31, 2009, we prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil in effect on and prior to December 31, 2009, or Prior Brazilian GAAP, which were based on:

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Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76, as amended by Brazilian Law No. 9,457/97, Brazilian Law No. 10,303/01, and Brazilian Law No. 11,638/07, which we refer to collectively as the Brazilian Corporation Law;

the rules and regulations of the Brazilian Securities Commission (*Comissão de Valores Mobiliários*), or the CVM, the accounting standards issued by the Brazilian Institute of Independent Accountants (*Instituto dos Auditores Independentes do Brasil*), or Ibracon, and the Brazilian Federal Accounting Council (*Conselho Federal de Contabilidade*), or CFC; and

the accounting standards issued by the Brazilian Accounting Standards Committee (*Comitê de Pronunciamentos Contábeis*), or the CPC, and applicable on and prior to December 31, 2009.

In preparing our consolidated financial statements as of and for the two years ended December 31, 2010, the comparative figures in respect of 2009 have been restated to reflect the effects of the transition from Prior Brazilian GAAP to IFRS.

We also prepare individual financial statements in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil, or Brazilian GAAP, which include the pronouncements issued by the CPC applicable to dates and periods ended after December 31, 2009, for certain purposes, including for the calculation of dividends.

#### **Share Split**

On April 10, 2007, we authorized the reverse split of all of our issued common shares and preferred shares into one share for each 1,000 issued shares. This reverse share split became effective on May 14, 2007. In connection with this reverse share split, we authorized a change in the ratio of our Preferred ADS. Upon the effectiveness of our reverse share split and the ratio change, the ratio of our preferred shares to our Preferred ADSs, changed from 3,000 preferred shares per Preferred ADS to three preferred shares per Preferred ADS. All references to numbers of shares and dividend amounts in this annual report have been adjusted to give effect to the 1,000-for-one reverse share split.

#### **Market Share and Other Information**

We make statements in this annual report about our market share and other information relating to the telecommunications industry in Brazil. We have made these statements on the basis of information obtained from third-party sources and publicly available information that we believe are reliable, such as information and reports from the Brazilian federal telecommunications regulator (*Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações*), or ANATEL, among others. Notwithstanding any investigation that we may have conducted with respect to the market share, market size or similar data provided by third parties or derived from industry or general publications, we assume no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any such information.

#### Rounding

We have made rounding adjustments to reach some of the figures included in this annual report. As a result, numerical figures shown as totals in some tables may not be arithmetic aggregations of the figures that precede them.

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#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report contains forward-looking statements. Some of the matters discussed concerning our business operations and financial performance include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions or that include words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, estimates and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, these statements are subject to several risks and uncertainties and are made in light of information currently available to us.

Our forward-looking statements may be influenced by factors, including the following:

competition in the Brazilian telecommunications sector;

our management s current expectations and estimates concerning our future financial performance, financing plans and programs;

the Brazilian government s telecommunications policies that affect the telecommunications industry and our business in general, including issues relating to the remuneration for the use of our network, and changes in or developments of ANATEL regulations applicable to us;

the cost and availability of financing;

the general level of demand for, and changes in the market prices of, our services;

our ability to implement our corporate strategies in order to increase our average revenue per user;

political, regulatory and economic conditions in Brazil and the specific Brazilian states in which we operate;

inflation and fluctuations in exchange rates;

legal and administrative proceedings to which we are or become a party; and

other factors identified or discussed under Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors.

Our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and our actual results or other developments may differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. As for forward-looking statements that relate to future financial results and other projections, actual results will be different due to the inherent uncertainty of estimates, forecasts and projections. Because of these uncertainties, potential investors should not rely on these forward-looking statements.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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#### PART I

**ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS** Not applicable.

# **ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE** Not applicable.

# ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION Selected Financial Information

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto), Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and Presentation of Financial and Other Information

The selected financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from our consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with IFRS, and included in this annual report. These consolidated annual financial statements are our first annual consolidated financial statements to be prepared in accordance with IFRS. IFRS 1, First-time Adoption of International Reporting Standards, has been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements, considering that our previous primary GAAP was Brazilian GAAP and that we have considered January 1, 2009 as the date of transition to IFRS. Therefore, we are presenting information related to the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

We have included information with respect to the dividends and/or interest attributable to shareholders equity paid to holders of our common shares and preferred shares since January 1, 2006 in *reais* and in U.S. dollars translated from *reais* at the commercial market selling rate in effect as of the payment date under the caption Item 8. Financial Information Dividends and Dividend Policy Payment of Dividends. We prepare individual financial statements in accordance with Brazilian GAAP for certain purposes, including for the calculation of dividends.

	At and For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2010(1) (in millions of US\$, except per share amounts)	2010 2009 (in millions of reais, except per share amounts and as otherwise indicated)	
Income Statement Data:			
Net operating revenue	US\$ 6,160	R\$ 10,263	R\$ 10,919
Cost of sales and services	2,840	(4,732)	(5,764)
Gross profit	3,320	5,531	5,155
Operating expenses	(1,844)	(3,072)	(6,232)
Operating income (loss) before financial income (expenses)			
and taxes	1,476	2,459	(1,077)
Financial income	588	979	630
Financial expenses	(636)	(1,060)	(912)
Financial expenses, net	(48)	(80)	(281)

Income (loss) before taxes	1,428	2,379	(1,358)
Income tax and social contribution	(245)	(408)	339
Net income (loss)	US\$ 1,183	R\$ 1,971	R\$ (1,019)

Net income (loss) attributable to controlling shareholders		<b>D (</b> ) <b>- (</b> )	
	US\$ 1,183	R\$ 1,971	R\$ (1,021)
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling			2
shareholders (1)			2
Net income (loss) applicable to each class of shares:	100	(00	(1.001)
Common shares	408	680	(1,021)
Preferred shares	775	1,291	
Net income (loss) per share(2):	• • • •	0.04	(1.0.7)
Common shares basic	2.00	3.34	(1.85)
Common shares diluted	2.00	3.34	(1.85)
Preferred shares and ADSs basic	2.00	3.34	
Preferred shares and ADSs diluted	2.00	3.34	
Weighted average shares outstanding (in thousands):			
Common shares basic		203,423	245,749
Common shares diluted		203,423	245,749
Preferred shares basic		386,366	305,439
Preferred shares diluted		386,366	305,439
Balance Sheet Data:			
Cash and cash equivalents	US\$ 1,931	R\$ 3,217	R\$ 1,717
Cash investments	499	832	382
Trade accounts receivable, net	1,242	2,070	1,992
Total current assets	5,094	8,487	6,127
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,191	5,317	5,267
Intangible assets, net	791	1,318	1,572
Total assets	16,138	26,886	24,564
Short-term loans and financing (including current portion			
of long-term debt)	627	1,044	870
Total current liabilities	4,016	6,691	5,424
Long-term loans and financing	1,993	3,321	3,573
Total equity	6,805	11,337	9,906
Shareholders equity attributable to controlling			
shareholders	6,805	11,337	9,905
Shareholders equity attributable to non-controlling			
shareholders			1

- (1) Translated for convenience only using the selling rate as reported by the Central Bank at December 31, 2010 for *reais* into U.S. dollars of R\$1.666=US\$1.00.
- (2) Under the Brazilian Corporation Law, preferred shareholders are not obligated to absorb losses, and such losses are exclusively attributed to common shareholders.

#### **Exchange Rates**

The Brazilian foreign exchange system allows the purchase and sale of foreign currency and the international transfer of *reais* by any person or legal entity, regardless of the amount, subject to certain regulatory procedures.

Since 1999, the Central Bank has allowed the U.S. dollar-*real* exchange rate to float freely, and, since then, the U.S. dollar-*real* exchange rate has fluctuated considerably.

In the past, the Central Bank has intervened occasionally to control unstable movements in foreign exchange rates. We cannot predict whether the Central Bank or the Brazilian government will continue to permit the *real* to float freely or will intervene in the exchange rate market through the return of a currency band system or otherwise. The *real* may depreciate or appreciate against the U.S. dollar and/or the euro substantially. Furthermore, Brazilian law provides that, whenever there is a significant imbalance in Brazil s balance of payments or there are serious reasons to foresee a significant imbalance, temporary restrictions may be imposed on remittances of foreign capital abroad. We cannot assure you that such measures will not be taken by the Brazilian government in the future. See Risk Factors Risks Relating to Brazil Restrictions on the movement of capital out of Brazil may impair our ability to service certain debt obligations. 2

The following table shows the commercial selling rate or selling rate, as applicable, for U.S. dollars for the periods and dates indicated. The information in the Average column represents the average of the exchange rates on the last day of each month during the periods presented.

Year

Reais per U.S. Dollar