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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Telesp Cellular Holding Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

VIVO, THE LEADING CELLULAR OPERATOR IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE ANNOUNCES ITS 20 MILLION CUSTOMERS

Investor Relations Officer:

RONALD AITKEN

São Paulo Brazil, December 10, 2003 Telesp Celular Participações S.A. (TCP), (BOVESPA: TSPP3 (ON) / TSPP4 (PN); NYSE: TCP), Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. TCO (BOVESPA: TCOC3 (ON)/TCOC4 (PN); NYSE: TRO), Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. - TSD (BOVESPA: TSEP3 (ON); TSEP4 (PN); NYSE: TSD), Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. - Tele Leste (BOVESPA: TLCP3 (ON); TLCP4 (PN); NYSE: TBE) e Celular CRT Participações S.A. Celular CRT (BOVESPA: CRTP3 (ON)/CRTP5 (PN)), companies comprising the joint venture wholly-owned by Portugal Telecom and Telefônica Móviles, which operates under the brand: Vivo, announce today that they have achieved 20 million customers.

VIVO has achieved 20 million customers. This means that VIVO has become the largest company, by number of customers, not only in the telecommunication industry but also among several segments of the Brazilian economy. This benchmark is equivalent to 57% of the market share in its concession region and about 46% of all cellular lines in service in the domestic market.

More than a significant figure, such benchmark of 20 million customers evidences VIVO's leading market performance, which after nine months from its launching has made the joint venture between Portugal Telecom and Telefônica Móviles groups the largest cellular operator in the Southern Hemisphere.

Upon reaching such a historic benchmark, VIVO got closer to the group of the 10 largest cellular operators in the world, by number of customers, together with the giant companies in the industry in Europe, China, Japan and United States.

The company is responsible for generating more than 50 thousand direct and indirect jobs in Brazil as a whole. In order to assist the largest community of customers in Brazil, VIVO has about 7.4 thousand sales points and records more than 18 million calls/month in its customer assistance call centers.

The achievement of 20 million customers restates the strength of our brand, the market preference for our innovative dynamics as far as products and services are concerned, as well as all the integration efforts involving people and processes, which started even before the launching of the brand, says Francisco Padinha, VIVO's CEO. In less than one year, we have managed to significantly increase our customer basis, despite the increasing growth in competition, by investing in commercial offers and specially in the launching of innovative products and services, based on the CDMA technology, says Padinha.

VIVO's 20-million customer benchmark advances celebrations of the first year of activity of our operator, which in December is launching an institutional campaign as well as the following slogan: VIVO. It is you in the first place.

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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 11, 2003

TELESP CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Fernando Abella Garcia

Fernando Abella Garcia
Investor Relations Officer

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