BRASIL TELECOM HOLDING CO Form 6-K October 17, 2005

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 OCTOBER 17, 2005

(Commission File No. 1-14477)

BRASIL TELECOM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BRAZIL TELECOM HOLDING 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)

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