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# TELE SUDESTE CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

# **Tele Sudeste Cellular Holding Company**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Praia de Botafogo, 501, 7o andar 22250-040 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

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# VIVO, THE LARGEST WIRELESS COMMUNICATION GROUP IN SOUTH AMERICA, REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2003 RESULTS OF TELE SUDESTE CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. (TSD)

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**Rio de Janeiro Brazil, July 24, 2003** Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A. TSD (BOVESPA: TSEP3 (Common), TSEP4 (Preferred); NYSE: TSD) announced today its consolidated results for the second quarter 2003 (2Q03). The closing prices at July 24, 2003 were: **TSEP3:** R\$ 4.00 / 1,000 shares, **TSEP4:** R\$ 5.20 / 1,000 shares and **TSD:** US\$ 9.48 / ADR (1 ADR = 5,000 preferred shares). TSD is the holding company that owns 100% of Telerj Celular S.A., the leading cellular operator in the State of Rio de Janeiro, and Telest Celular S.A., the leading cellular operator in the State of Espírito Santo. It operates in a area that represents approximately 1% of the Brazilian territory, whose population represents around 10% of Brazil s population.

Financial and operating information, except where otherwise stated, is presented in accordance with Brazilian Corporate Law on a consolidated basis.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Tele Sudeste Celular

R\$ million	2Q03	1Q03	%	2Q 02	%
Gross Operating Revenue	656.4	633.9	3.5%	567.8	15.6%
Net Operating Revenue	476.1	463.5	2.7%	446.2	6.7%
Net operating revenues from telecommunication services	419.4	416.3	0.7%	390.9	7.3%
Net operating revenues from sales of merchandise	56.7	47.2	20.1%	55.3	2.5%
Total Operating Cost	(318.9)	(296.5)	7.6%	(282.5)	12.9%
EBITDA	157.2	167.0	-5.9%	163.7	-4.0%
EBITDA margin (%)	33.0%	36.0%	-3.0p.p.	36.7%	-3.7p.p.
EBIT	52.2	57.3	-8.8%	72.9	-28.3%
Net income	24.3	29.9	-18.7%	42.0	-42.2
Earnings per 1,000 shares (R\$)	0.06	0.07	-18.7%	0.10	-42.2
Earnings per ADR (R\$)	0.28	0,35	-18.7%	0.51	-42.2
Number of shares (billion)	432.6	432,6	-	414.0	4.5%
CAPEX (accumulated)	104	69	n.d.	102	2.0%
CAPEX as % of revenues	7.3%	14.8%	-7.5	7.9%	-0.5p.p.
Operating Cash Flow	121.4	98.5	21.4%	128.3	-4.6%
Subscribers (thousand)	3,422	3,365	1.7%	3,226	6.1%
Postpaid	1,137	1,115	2.1%	1,001	13.7%
Prepaid	2,285	2,250	1.5%	2,225	2.7%

EBITDA = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

EBITDA Margin = EBITDA/ Net Operating Revenue.

EBIT = Earning before interest and taxes.

Operating Cash Flow = EBITDA - CAPEX.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

#### Basis of Presentation

In the second quarter of 2003, PIS and COFINS expenses from derivatives were reclassified from operating expenses to financial expenses. For comparison purposes, this change was also incorporated into 1Q03 and 2Q02 results.

Since the second quarter of 2002, many reclassifications were made due to new regulations or standardization with other companies of the group, among them, employee profit sharing has been reclassified as an operating expense, thus, second quarter 2002 figures have been restated for comparison purposes.

VIVO

The joint venture between Telefónica Móviles and Portugal Telecom, as of April 14, 2003, unified the operations of Tele Sudeste Celular Participações S.A., with those of Telesp Celular Participações S.A., Tele Centro Oeste

Celular Participações S.A., Celular CRT Participações S.A. and Tele Leste Celular Participações S.A. under the Vivo brand.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- TSD has continuously generated positive net income, demonstrating its sound management of shareholder resources.
- The higher operating cash flow generation confirms that TSD has enough resources for its capital expenditures projects.
- Net revenues maintained a growth trend. Accumulated net revenues for the 1st half of 2003 are 5.3% higher than that of the same period of last year.
- Sales results in 2Q03 were very positive, with intense commercial activity, resulting in a significant number of gross additions in May and June, when we made strong promotional Mother s Day and Valentine s Day campaigns.

#### **OPERATING PERFORMANCE**

#### **Operating Data**

	2Q03	1Q03	%	2Q02	%
Total subscribers (thousand)	3,422	3,365	1.7%	3,226	6.1%
Postpaid	1,137	1,115	2.1%	1,001	13.6%
Prepaid	2,285	2,250	1.5%	2,224	2.7%
Analog	112	141	-20.6%	209	-46.4%
Digital	3,310	3,225	2.6%	3,017	9.7%
Net Additions (thousand)	56.5	-89.4	n.a.	102.7	-45.0%
Postpaid	21.5	28.9	-23.3%	4.5	393.3%
Prepaid	35.0	-118.3	n.a.	98.2	-65.1%
ARPU (R\$/month)	41.1	40.0	3.4%	41.0	0.9%
Postpaid	83.4	87.0	-4.1%	85.8	-2.8%
Prepaid	20.4	18.0	13.1%	20.4	-0.4%
Total MOU (minutes)	98.2	98.2	-0.1%	109.4	-10.3%
Postpaid	180.6	183.1	-1.4%	200.3	-9.9%
Prepaid	54,4	55.0	-1.1%	65.5	-17.0%
Employees	1,720	1,849	-7.0%	2,026	-15.1%
Subscriber/Employee	1,989	1,820	9.3%	1,592	24.9%

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Vivo has encouraged its operators to adopt commercially aggressive store layouts and service plans, as
  well as to unify the communication of its corporate websites, aiming to create a single identity for the
  group.
- TSD has achieved systematic client base growth, reaching 3.422 million clients at the end of 2Q03, equivalent to 9.0% of Brazil s cell phones.
- Retention, loyalty and promotional campaigns have contributed to the maintenance of TSD s leadership in this new competitive environment, with 4 competing operators.
- TSD covers 100% of the municipalities in its area of operations.
- Vivo has been concentrating on the implementation of a 1xRTT network, as well as on the development of new telecommunications services.

 The 1xRTT technology already covers the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Area, from the Galeão Airport to Recreio dos Bandeirantes, besides the petrochemical region of the city of Macaé. In the next quarter, we will extend coverage to fully complete the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Area.

#### Client Base

- The client base grew by 6.1% in the quarter when compared to the same period last year, and the postpaid client base grew 13.6% in the last 12 months and 2.1% in the last quarter.
- In 2Q03, postpaid net additions reached 21.5 thousand clients, a figure 393.3% higher than that of 2Q02, and prepaid net additions were of 35.0 thousand.
- At the end of the second quarter of 2003, handset digitalization stood at 96.7%. The number of analogical handsets decreased 46.4% in relation to 2Q02. TSD uses the CDMA and 1xRTT digital technologies in the mobile telecommunication services provided.

#### Average Revenue per User

TSD s Blended ARPU (average net revenue per user) has been relatively stable, with an R\$ 1.1 increase in relation to the previous quarter, even after a 1.7% growth of the client base. Despite of remaining stable in relation to 2Q02, prepaid ARPU increased 13.1% in relation to 1Q03.

#### Minutes of use per user

Blended MOU has held steady in relation to the previous quarter. The declines in this indicator were due to seasonality as well as the proportional increase of clients that generate less traffic as a percentage of total clients.

#### **Wireless Penetration**

The estimated wireless penetration rate in TSD s areas of operation reached 35.2 per 100 residents, surpassing estimated fixed lines penetration. The Company believes that wireless communication services still has plenty of room to grow, considering the advantage of mobility and new added services offered.

#### Wireless Data

In 2003, Tele Sudeste Celular maintained its focus on wireless data services, implementing a series of campaigns, and has been achieving a penetration increase in the base of clients that use SMS and WAP services. Moreover, we are focusing on the development of applications by increasing the number of partnerships, and, consequently, increasing the number of utilization alternatives for our clients. Services such as Chat Wap, Email, Cupido, Quiz, and Musical Tones have been growing as a percentage of wireless data revenues and multiplying the functionality of SMS and Wap.

#### **Human Resources**

In an effort to optimize its workforce, productivity in 2Q03, as measured by the number of clients per permanent worker, grew 9.3% in relation to 1Q03 and 24.9% in relation to 2Q02.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

#### **Operating Revenues**

R\$ Million	2Q03	1Q03	%	2Q02	%
Subscription fees	50.9	55,4	-8.1%	52.8	-3.6%
Usage charges	296.7	300,4	-1.2%	234	26.5%
National charges	279.9	274,6	1.9%	221.9	26.1%
Addition per call	11.7	19,1	-38.7%	7.2	63.1%
DSL	5.1	6,7	-23.9%	5.5	-6.7%
Network Usage charge	210.7	197,2	6.8%	196.8	7.1%
Other	4.5	4,6	-2.2%	3.8	19.4%
<b>Operating Revenue from service</b>	562.8	557,6	0.9%	487.9	15.3%
Handset Sales	93.5	76,3	22.5%	79.8	17.1%
<b>Gross Operating Revenue</b>	656.3	633,9	3.5%	567.8	15.6%
Total deductions in net operating revenues	(180.2)	(170,4)	5.69%	(121.6)	48.2%
Net Operating Revenue	476.1	463,5	2.7%	446.2	6.7%
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Net operating revenues from sales of					
merchandise	56.7	47.2	20.1%	55.3	2.5%

Gross Operating Revenues TSD s Gross Operating Revenues this quarter increased 15.6% compared to the same period last year. However, in January 2003, the ICMS rate in the State of Rio de Janeiro increased from 25% to 30%, and the PIS rate on handset sales rose from 0.65% to 1.65% in December 2002. These factors contributed to an increase in gross revenue deductions, affecting Net Operating Revenue.

Net Operating Revenue

TSD s net operating revenue increased 6.7% compared to the same period last year, mostly due to a 7.3% increase in net operating revenue from service, which represents over 60% of total net revenues, and due to a 2.5% increase in net revenues from handset sales.

Net Revenue from Service

TSD s higher net operating revenue from service is due to a 26.1% increase in outgoing traffic revenue, which increased R\$ 58 million in relation to 2Q02. Revenues from interconnection charges grew due to the increase of tariffs for network usage in early 1Q03. Other services revenues, which includes wireless data revenues, increased 19.4% in the last 12 months.

#### **Operating Cost**

R\$ Million	2Q03	1Q03	Δ %	2Q02	Δ %
Personnel	(25.3)	(29.8)	-15.1%	(26.1)	-3.1%
Cost of services	(169.5)	(194.2)	-12.7%	(155.3)	9.2%
Leased lines	(41.9)	(42.9)	-2.3%	(30.5)	37.3%
Network Usage Charges	(20.8)	(21.2)	-1.9%	(17.9)	19.2%
Rent / Insurance / condominium fees	(11.5)	(11.0)	4.5%	(10.6)	8.8%
Others	(95.3)	(119.1)	-20.0%	(96.3)	-1.0%
Cost of goods sold	(87.0)	(75.5)	15.2%	(68.8)	26.4%
Sales Expenses	(95.4)	(63.7)	49.8%	(65.4)	47.4%
Allowance for doubtful account	(2.5)	(2.1)	19.0%	(0.4)	464.3%
Marketing expenses	(27.6)	(11.8)	133.9%	(9.0)	207.1%
Commissions expenses	(11.4)	(9.5)	20.0%	(8.4)	36.3%
Third party services	(21.3)	(24.6)	-13.4%	(25.0)	
Others	(32.6)	(15.7)	107.6%	(22.6)	15.3%
<b>General and Administrative expenses</b>	(44.0)	(44.2)	-0.5%	(57.3)	-23.2%
Other operating revenue (expense)	2.7	(1.2)	n.d.	0.5	1,250.0%

Personnel With the optimization of the workforce and higher productivity, TSD reduced its personnel costs in 2Q03 by 3.1% in relation to 2Q02 and by 15.1% in relation to 1Q03.

Cost of Services Interconnection charges were affected by the tariff readjustment that occurs annually. The connection cost increased due to the higher number of radio base stations (ERBs) and due to the annual contractual readjustment.

Cost of Goods Sold Cost of goods sold increased 26.4% in 2Q03 in relation to the same period of the previous year due to the Brazilian Real devaluation in relation to the US Dollar in the 2nd half of 2002, driving cost of goods up. Besides that, new

and more expensive handsets were launched, impacting this cost.

Selling Expenses Seling expenses were mainly affected by the increase in marketing expenses. This expense was impacted by the

launch of the Vivo brand, a non-recurring expense.

Bad debt Past due accounts represented 1.46% of gross revenues, a 1.4 percentage point reduction in relation to 2Q02. Bad

debt levels remain low due to the steady efforts to improve the postpaid client base and also to tighten credit

control policies for dealers and corporate clients.

TSD s EBITDA in the second quarter 2003 totaled R\$ 157.2 million and its EBITDA margin in the period was **EBITDA** 

33.0%. Excluding the impact of handset sales, EBITDA totaled R\$ 187.5 million, with a 44.7% margin.

Depreciation

Depreciation and amortization amounted to R\$ 105.0 million in the quarter. Depreciation is calculated based on the linear basis method, considering the useful life of assets.

Financial Results

TSD s net financial expenses totaled R\$ 14.8 million in 2Q03, mainly reflecting the appreciation of the Brazilian Real against the US dollar, that affects the derivative operations that hedge 100% of the Company s debt. The effect of the Real appreciation on derivatives also increases taxes on financial revenues.

#### **Financial Results**

R\$ Million	2Q03	1Q03	%	2Q02	%
Financial Revenue	63.6	34.3	85.4%	61.3	3.8%
Exchange variation	48.3	20.9	131.1%	1.3	3.615.4%
Other Financial Revenue	20.4	15.6	30.8%	63.7	68.0%
(-) PIS / Cofins over Financial Revenue	(5.1)	(2.2)	131.8%	(3.7)	37.8%
Financial Expense	(78.4)	(45.7)	71.6%	(67.2)	16.7%
Exchange Variation	(2.3)	(0.7)	228.6%	(60.3)	-96.2%
Other Financial Expense	(7.7)	(9.3)	-17.2%	(9.6)	-19.8%
Gains (Losses) on derivatives	(68.4)	(35.7)	91.6%	2.7	n.a.
Net Financial Revenue (expense)	(14.8)	(11.4)	29.8%	(5.9)	150.9%

#### Net Income

TSD s Net Income for the quarter was R\$ 24.3 million, 42.2% lower when compared to the second quarter 2002.

#### Net Debt

As of June 30, 2003, TSD had total debt of R\$ 301.9 million (R\$ 390.8 million on March 31, 2003) of which 100% was denominated in foreign currency and fully hedged by derivative instruments at the end of the quarter. This debt was counterbalanced by available resources, such as cash (R\$ 7.1 million), financial investments (R\$ 159.4 million), and assets and liabilities from derivative operations (R\$ 0.6 million), resulting in a net debt of R\$ 134.8 million.

TSD s financial position has been improving every quarter with the steady reduction of net debt. Financial leverage (net debt / (net debt + shareholder s equity) improved to 6.8% at the end of the 2Q03, from the 10.7% registered in the 4Q02.

The breakdown of TSD s consolidated gross and net debt is as follows:

#### Loan and Financing

**R**\$ million

Suppliers Financial Institutions  Total	Foreign Currency Denominated 22.6 279.3 301.9			
R\$ million	30 Jun.03	31 Mar.03	31 Dec.02	30 Jun.02
Short term	175.7	152.1	200.9	202.3
Long term	126.2	238.7	259.6	291.9
Total Indebtedness	301.9	390.8	460.5	494.2
Cash and Derivatives	(167.1)	(197.5)	(247.1)	(187.6)
Net Debt Long Term Debt Payments Timetable	134.8	193.3	213.4	306.6
Bong Term Debt Layments Timetable	Foreign Currency			
R\$ million	Denominated			
2004	73.4			
2005	52.8			

Jun.30 2003

After 2005 - Total 126.2

#### Capital Expenditures

During the 1st half of 2003, TSD invested R\$ 104 million in PP&E, mainly in projects related to improvements and expansion of capability of services rendered, new services rendered of the mobile telecommunication network, and development of proprietary transmission routes. Capex in the period was affected by the necessary investments related to the migration to SMP.

# Social Responsibility and Events

- TSD promoted among its employees the Campanha do Agasalho a campaign to collect clothes and shoes to be donated to charities.
- Vivo vaccinated its employees and their relatives against flu and chose some charities to be benefited by its vaccination campaign in the areas of operation of several group companies.
- The Company sponsored Rio Fashion Week.

#### Subsequent Events

On July 6, 2003, the wireless operators implemented the Carriers Selection Code on national (VC2 and VC3) and international long distance calls, according to SMP rules. Vivo s operators no longer receive VC2 and VC3 revenues, instead they receive interconnection revenues for the usage of their networks on such calls.

#### Tables to follow:

Table 1: TSD Consolidated Income Statement Table 2: TSD Consolidated Balance Sheet

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# TABLE 1: TSD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (Corporate Law)

	2Q03	1Q03	2Q02	Accumula	ited
R\$ million				jun-03	jun-02
Total gross operating revenues	656.4	633.9	567.8	1,290.3	1,142.2
Deductions from gross operating revenues	(180.3)	(170.4)	(121.6)	(350.7)	(250.1)
Net operating revenues from telecommunication					
services	419.4	416.3	390.9	835.7	793.1
Net operating revenues from sales of equipment	56.7	47.2	55.3	103.9	99.0
Total net operating revenues	476.1	463.5	446.2	939.6	892.1
Operating Costs	(318.9)	(296.5)	(282.5)	(615.4)	(557.4)
Personnel	(25.3)	(29.8)	(26.1)	(55.1)	(48.7)
Cost of services	(97.9)	(100.9)	(84.1)	(198.8)	(175.8)
Cost of equipment sold	(87.0)	(75.5)	(68.6)	(162.5)	(125.3)
Selling expenses	(72.9)	(59.3)	(62.6)	(132.2)	(128.9)
General and administrative expenses	(33.1)	(32.2)	(40.5)	(65.3)	(75.9)
Other operating income (expenses) net	(2.7)	1.2	(0.5)	(1.5)	(2.8)
Earnings before interest. tax. depreciation.					
amort. and equity - EBITDA	157.2	167.0	163.7	324.2	334.7
Depreciation and amortization	(105.0)	(109.7)	(90.8)	(214.7)	(183.7)
Operating income before interest. tax and					
equity consolidation EBIT	52.2	57.3	72.9	109.5	151.0
Net financial expenses	(14.8)	(11.4)	(5.9)	(26.2)	(10.8)
Operating income	37.4	45.9	66.9	83.3	140.2
non-operating income / expenses	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.7)
Income before taxation	37.3	45.8	66.3	83.1	139.5
Income and social contribution taxes	(13.0)	(15.9)	(24.3)	(28.9)	(50.7)
Net income for the period	24.3	29.9	42.0	54.2	88.8

# TABLE 2: TSD CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Corporate Law)

(In R\$ millions) ASSETS	30-jun-03	31-dec-02
Current Assets	950.4	848.5
Cash and cash equivalents	166.5	123.2
Net accounts receivable	262.2	272.9
Inventory	107.4	59.3
Taxes deferred and receivable	307.6	261.6
Prepaid expenses	61.8	44.9
Operations with derivatives	-	44.0
Other current assets	44.9	42.7
Non Current Assets	240.4	378.2
Taxes deferred and receivable	210.1	273.9
Operations with derivatives	8.4	79.9
Judicial deposits	12.3	14.9
Other non-current assets	9.6	9.4
Permanent Assets	1,471.4	1,585.4
Investments	0.4	0.4
Other investments	0.4	0.4
Property, plant and equipment, net	1.470.1	1.585.1
Deferred assets	0.9	0.0
Total Assets	2,662.2	2,812.1
LIABILITIES	06/30/03	12/31/02
Current Liabilities	679.1	750.1
Payroll and related accruals	19.4	21.7
Accounts payable	144.6	112.2
Taxes and contributions payable	23.0	26.2
	31.7	31.9
	175 (	200.9
Interest on own capital and dividends payable Loans and financing	175.6	
Interest on own capital and dividends payable	41.0	26.5
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Reserve of Profit Net Income	79.2 691.5	79.2 637.1
Total Liabilities	2,662.2	2,812.1

#### **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: July 25, 2003

TELE SUDESTE CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Fernando Abella Garcia

Fernando Abella Garcia Investor Relations Officer

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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