

TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR PARTICIPACOES
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2005

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TELE CENTRO OESTE CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações Holding Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

SCS - Quadra 2, Bloco C, Edifício Anexo-Telebrasil Celular
-7° Andar, Brasília, D.F.
Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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Public Company
CVM n o 1761-2

C.N.P.J. n o 02.558.132/0001-69
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NOTICE OF MATERIAL FACT

Tele Centro Oeste Celular Participações S.A. ("TCO"), (BOVESPA: TCOC3 (Ord.), TCOC4 (Pref.), NYSE: TRO) , hereby announces to the market and to its shareholders that its Board of Directors, in a meeting held on February 16, 2005, decided to submit to the Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting of TCO, for which a notice of convocation will be published up to February 23, 2005, the following:

1. REVERSE SPLIT OF SHARES

A proposal for a reverse split of the 386,664,974,968 registered book-entry shares of capital stock of TCO, with no par value, of which 129,458,666,783 are common shares and 257,206,308,185 are preferred shares, with such reverse split to occur at the ratio of three thousand (3,000) shares to one (1) share of the respective class, after which there will be 128,888,325 registered book-entry shares, with no par value, of which 43,152,889 will be common shares and 85,735,436 will be preferred shares, pursuant to Article 12 of Law 6,404/76, as amended.

In compliance with Instruction No. 358 of the CVM, dated January 3, 2002, as amended, below are the main characteristics of this reverse split of shares:

I. Purpose:

To adjust the unit quotation value of the shares to a more adequate level from a stock market perspective, since the quotation of the shares in Reais per share gives greater visibility as compared with the quotation per lot of one thousand (1,000) shares;

To unify the basis for quoting the shares in the national and international markets, since the shares are currently quoted in lots of one thousand (1,000) shares in the national market - São Paulo Stock Exchange ("BOVESPA"), and in lots of three thousand (3,000) shares for each American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") in the international market - New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE");

To reduce operational expenses and to increase the efficiency of the system for registering information regarding the shareholders of TCO; and

To reduce the possibilities of informational errors, improving services to the shareholders of TCO.

II Ratio of the Reverse Split of Shares:

Upon approval by the duly convened Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting of TCO, the shares will be grouped at the ratio of three thousand (3,000) shares into one (1) share and, after the period mentioned in item III below, will be traded in units of a single share.

III Period for the Adjustment of Shareholder Positions

If the transaction is approved by the Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting of TCO, the company will publish a Notice to the Shareholders establishing a minimum period of thirty (30) days, so that each shareholder, in its discretion, may adjust its equity position, by class, into lots of three thousand (3,000) shares through trading on BOVESPA.

Shareholders will be able to adjust their positions through the Brokerage Companies of their choice.

Further Proceedings:

Once the period established for the adjustment by shareholders has expired, the remaining fractional shares will be separated, grouped in whole numbers and sold in an auction to be carried out on BOVESPA.

The proceeds of the sale of the fractional shares will be available to the shareholders who own those fractional shares at the Depository Institution holding the Book-Entry Shares of TCO, ABN Amro Real S.A. ("ABN"). The payment of such amounts will be made through any of its branches, upon request to ABN by the shareholder. The value corresponding to the fractional shares owned by shareholders whose shares are in the custody of CBLC Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custódia (the Brazilian Settlement and Custody Company) will be credited directly to CBLC, which will forward the applicable amounts to the shareholders through their custodial agents.

Holders of ADRs Traded in the United States of America

There will be no reverse split of ADRs in the United States of America . Only the ratio of shares to each ADR will be changed from the current ratio of three thousand (3,000) shares per ADR to one (1) share per ADR. Thus, there be no fractional ADRs resulting from the reverse split, contrary to the effect of the transaction on the Brazilian shares.

Documents Available to the Shareholders

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of TCO that approved the transaction and this Notice of Material Fact are available to interested parties at the Investor Relations Department of the company at Av. Dr. Chucri Zaidan, 860, Morumbi, São Paulo , SP. The documents are also available electronically on the web-site of the Investor Relations Department, www.vivo.com.br/ri, and on the BOVESPA web-site, www.bovespa.com.br.

Further clarifications regarding the reverse split of shares are available on the web-site and through the network of branches of ABN.

The authorized capital of TCO will also reflect the reverse split, changing from 700 billion shares to 233.3 million shares, and the Bylaws of the Company will consequently be updated.

2. CANCELLATION OF TREASURY SHARES

Cancellation of 5,783,435,550 common shares issued by TCO, without a reduction of its share capital, as well as the sale in the market of 1,527,046 common shares and 2,087,452 preferred shares remaining from the corporate restructuring approved by the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting of TCO and its controlled operating companies undertaken on June 30, 2004.

São Paulo, February 17, 2005.

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