

OPEN JOINT STOCK CO LONG DISTANCE & INTERNAT COMM ROSTELECOM
Form SC 13D
September 16, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Golden Telecom, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

38122G107
(Cusip Number)

Vladimir Ivanovich Androsik
Open Joint Stock Company Long-Distance and
International Telecommunications "Rostelecom"
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 5, 2002

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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1.

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSON

 TELECOMMUNICATION INVESTMENT JOINT-STOCK COMPANY

2.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)
 * (b)

3.

SEC USE ONLY

4.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

 Not applicable

5.

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
 TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

NUMBER OF
 UNITS

7.

SOLE VOTING POWER

4,024,067*

BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY

8.

SHARED VOTING POWER

0

EACH
 REPORTING

9.

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,024,067*

PERSON WITH

10.

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,024,067

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

[-]

13.

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.0%

14.

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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* See Items 5 and 6.

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1.

NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSON

OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY LONG-DISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS "ROSTELECOM"

2.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) []

* (b) [X]

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| 3. | SEC USE ONLY |
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| 4. | SOURCES OF FUNDS |
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| 6. | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| | RUSSIAN FEDERATION |
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| NUMBER OF UNITS | 7. SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | 4,024,067 |
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| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | 8. SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | 0 |
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| EACH REPORTING | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 4,024,067 |
| ----- | |
| PERSON WITH | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 0 |
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| 11. | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |
| | 4,024,067 |
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| 12. | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES |
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15.0%

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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* See Items 5 and 6.

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule relates to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of Golden Telecom, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Golden Telecom"). The principal executive offices of Golden Telecom are located at c/o Representation Office Golden Teleservices, Inc., 12, Trubnaya Ulitsa, Moscow, Russia 103045.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

This Schedule is being filed by each of the following persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"):

- Telecommunication Investment Joint-Stock Company ("Svyazinvest"), and
- Open Joint Stock Company Long-Distance and International Telecommunications "Rostelecom" ("Rostelecom").

Svyazinvest holds 50.67% of voting shares of Rostelecom and 9 of the 11 directors of Rostelecom are designees of Svyazinvest. Accordingly, Svyazinvest may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Shares directly held by Rostelecom. Svyazinvest disclaims such beneficial ownership.

Svyazinvest:

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| State of organization: | Russian Federation |
| Principal business: | holding company (engaged, through its subsidiaries and affiliates, in the provision of all types of telecommunication services) |
| Principal business address: | 55 ul. Plyuschikha, bldg. 2 Moscow, 119121, Russia |

Rostelecom:

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| State of organization: | Russian Federation |
| Principal business: | long-distance and international communications, radio and television broadcast and data transfer |

Principal business address: 14 ul.1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya, Moscow,
125047, Russia

Information regarding the directors and officers of each of the Reporting Persons is set forth in Schedule A hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons and, to the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, no other person identified in response to this Item 2 has been (a) convicted in a criminal proceeding or (b) a party to any civil proceeding as a result of which it or he has been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

On March 13, 2002, Rostelecom, SFMT-CIS, Inc. and Limited Liability Company "TeleRoss" (entities controlled by Golden Telecom) entered into an Ownership Interest Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement"), whereby on September 5, 2002, Rostelecom acquired 15% of the outstanding Shares, cash and a promissory note in exchange for Rostelecom's 50% ownership interest in Limited Liability Company "EDN Sovintel". See Item 6 for a description of the Purchase Agreement. The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Purchase Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

The information set forth in Items 5 and 6 hereof is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 4.

The Reporting Persons have acquired the 4,024,067 Shares of Golden Telecom solely for investment purposes. Rostelecom has entered into the Shareholders Agreement (as described in Items 5 and 6 hereof), which contains certain provisions for the nomination and removal of the directors of Golden Telecom, and the Standstill Agreement (as described in Items 5 and 6 hereof), which contains certain provisions relating to business combinations, proxy contests and the acquisition of securities of Golden Telecom. Pursuant to the Shareholders Agreement, Rostelecom has the right to appoint two directors, one of whom is to be an Independent Director (as defined in the Shareholders Agreement), to the Board of Directors of Golden Telecom. The Reporting Persons reserve the right to acquire, or cause to be acquired, additional securities of Golden Telecom, to dispose of, or cause to be disposed, such securities at any time or to formulate other purposes, plans or proposals regarding Golden Telecom or any of its securities, to the extent deemed advisable in light of general investment and trading policies of the Reporting Persons, market conditions or other factors.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) (i) Rostelecom directly owns 4,024,067 Shares of Golden Telecom, which represents approximately 15.0% of the outstanding common stock of Golden Telecom.

(ii) As a result of its relationship with Rostelecom, Svyazinvest may be deemed the beneficial owner of the 4,024,067 Shares of Golden Telecom owned by Rostelecom. Svyazinvest disclaims such beneficial ownership.

(iii) Golden Telecom, Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom Limited, a company

incorporated in the British Virgin Islands ("Alfa Telecom"), Capital International Global Emerging Markets Private Equity Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("CIG"), Cavendish Nominees Limited, a limited liability company organized and registered under the laws of Guernsey ("Cavendish") and First NIS Regional Fund SICAV, a private institutional fund organized and registered under the laws of Luxembourg ("First NIS Fund" and, together with Cavendish, "Barings") entered into a Shareholders Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002 (the "Shareholders Agreement"), and a Standstill Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002 (the "Standstill Agreement"). See Item 6 for a description of the Shareholders Agreement and the Standstill Agreement.

Based on the most recent Schedule 13D filings by each of Alfa Telecom, CIG, First NIS Fund and Cavendish, dated as of September 9, 10 or 11, 2002, such entities may be deemed to beneficially own the following numbers and percentages of the outstanding Shares: Alfa Telecom - 10,731,707 (40.00%); CIG - 2,166,405 (8.10%), Cavendish - 1,844,469 (6.90%) and First NIS Fund - 723,907 (2.70%).

To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge (and based in part on the Schedule 13D filings described in the foregoing paragraph), as of September 5, 2002, Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, CIG, Cavendish and First NIS Fund, in the aggregate but not individually, may be deemed to beneficially own 19,490,555 Shares (72.7% of Golden Telecom). Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of all Shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Alfa Telecom, CIG, First NIS Fund and Cavendish, and the filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons or any other person named in Item 2 hereof forms a "group" (as such term is defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 13d-5 under such Act) with, or is the beneficial owner of any Shares beneficially owned by, Alfa Telecom, CIG, First NIS Fund and Cavendish.

(b) Rostelecom has the sole power to direct the voting and disposition of the 4,024,067 Shares. Based on its relation with Rostelecom, Svyazinvest may be deemed to have the sole power to direct the voting and disposition of such shares. Svyazinvest disclaims such beneficial ownership. To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the directors or executive officers listed in Item 2 above is the beneficial owner of Golden Telecom Shares.

(c) Except as otherwise described in this Schedule 13D, none of the Reporting Persons or, to the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, any of the other persons listed in Item 2 above, has effected any transactions in Shares in the past 60 days.

(d) Not applicable, except to the extent shareholders of the Reporting Persons have the right to receive dividends from either of the Reporting Persons.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Rostelecom purchased 15% of the Shares (4,024,067 Shares) in exchange for Rostelecom's 50% ownership interest in Limited Liability Company "EDN Sovintel". In addition to the Shares, Rostelecom also received other consideration consisting of cash and a promissory note to the total amount of US\$56,000,000. The consummation of the sale and purchase contemplated by the Purchase Agreement (the "Closing") took place on September 5, 2002. At the Closing Rostelecom received title to 15% of the Shares (4,024,067 Shares) in consideration for the transfer of its 50% ownership interest in Limited Liability Company "EDN Sovintel".

Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002, between Golden Telecom and Rostelecom, the value of each Share was deemed equal to

US\$10.50 and the aggregate value of the Shares was deemed equal to US\$42,252,703.50. The foregoing description of the Subscription Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Subscription Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002, between Golden Telecom and Rostelecom, Rostelecom is entitled to request two Demand Registrations for at least 1,000,000 Shares each at any time six months after September 5, 2002. The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Registration Rights Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to the Standstill Agreement, Golden Telecom, Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, CIG, Cavendish and First NIS Fund agreed, among other things, not to (i) engage in "business combinations" with Golden Telecom (within the meaning of such term in Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law), (ii) acquire Shares of voting stock of Golden Telecom in excess of specified levels and (iii) engage in proxy contests in respect of Shares of voting stock of Golden Telecom, in each case for a period of two years following the date of the Standstill Agreement. In addition, the Standstill Agreement grants to each of Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, CIG, Cavendish and First NIS Fund a limited pre-emptive right to acquire its pro rata share of new securities (on a fully diluted basis) issued by Golden Telecom from time to time during the term of the Standstill Agreement, which expires upon the occurrence of any of the following: (i) the mutual agreement of the parties thereto, (ii) the voluntary or involuntary filing of a petition in bankruptcy by or against Golden Telecom, (iii) an event of insolvency affecting Golden Telecom, or the appointment of a receiver for Golden Telecom or (iv) on the second anniversary of the date of the Standstill Agreement.

Golden Telecom, Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, CIG, Cavendish and First NIS Fund entered into the Shareholders Agreement. The Shareholders Agreement provides for certain tag-along rights exercisable by CIG, Rostelecom and/or Barings in the event that Alfa Telecom proposes to transfer Shares to a third party who will own, directly or indirectly, no less than one-third of the Golden Telecom's Shares (as adjusted for capital changes) immediately after such transfer. Upon the exercise by CIG, Rostelecom and/or Barings of such right, the exercising party may sell to the third party its pro rata portion of the Shares covered by the third party offer. The Shareholders Agreement further provides for the nomination and removal of directors of Golden Telecom. Rostelecom has the right to designate two directors, one of whom shall be independent and financially literate. Subject to certain conditions, Alfa Telecom has the right to designate three directors. CIG and Barings each have the right to designate one director. In addition, the directors sitting on the board of directors of Golden Telecom on the date the board adopts resolutions concerning Golden Telecom's annual meeting of stockholders shall designate two directors, which directors, if required by applicable marketplace rules, shall be independent and financially literate. Upon Alfa Telecom's ceasing to own at least 15% of the issued and outstanding Shares, the number of directors designated by Alfa Telecom shall be reduced to two. Upon Rostelecom's ceasing to own at least 10% of the issued and outstanding Shares, the number of directors designated by Rostelecom shall be reduced to one. Upon any of Alfa Telecom, Rostelecom, CIG or Barings ceasing to own at least 3% of the issued and outstanding Shares, the board representation rights of such entity shall terminate. Golden Telecom and each of Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, Barings and CIG have agreed that, as long as the voting agreement set forth in Section 3 of the Shareholders Agreement remains in effect, each of them will take all actions (including, without limitation, the voting of Shares, the execution of written consents, the calling of special meetings, the removal of directors, the filling of vacancies on the board of directors, the waiving of notice and attendance at meetings, the amendment of Golden Telecom's by-laws and

the like) necessary from time to time to maintain the composition of the board of directors specified in Section 3 of the Shareholders Agreement in accordance with the terms of such provision.

In addition, the Shareholders Agreement contains procedures relating to the approval of special transactions which involve, directly or indirectly, a value exceeding 5% of the total consolidated assets of Golden Telecom and its subsidiaries and include provisions relating to the proposal of special transactions by directors as well as the retention in certain cases of an independent special consultant to review a special transaction.

The Shareholders Agreement shall terminate upon the later of (i) May 11, 2004 or (ii) the date of Golden Telecom's annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2004. The Shareholders Agreement will also terminate as to any of Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom, Barings and CIG if such entity ceases to hold at least 1.5% of the issued and outstanding Shares. The provisions in Section 2 of the Shareholders Agreement regarding tag-along rights upon certain sales by Alfa Telecom will terminate as to Barings or CIG if such entity ceases to hold at least 2.5% of the issued and outstanding Shares.

The foregoing descriptions of the Shareholders Agreement and the Standstill Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the terms of the Shareholders Agreement and the Standstill Agreement, which are incorporated herein by reference and are attached hereto as Exhibits 8 and 9.

Except as set forth herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships with respect to any securities of Golden Telecom.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

- Exhibit 1 - Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2002
- Exhibit 2 - Subscription Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002
- Exhibit 3 - Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002
- Exhibit 4 - Shareholders Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002
- Exhibit 5 - Standstill Agreement, dated as of September 5, 2002

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 16, 2002

TELECOMMUNICATION INVESTMENT
JOINT-STOCK COMPANY

By: /s/ V.N. Yashin

V.N. Yashin

General Director

OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY
LONG-DISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS "ROSTELECOM"

By: /s/ S.I. Kouznetsov

S.I. Kouznetsov
General Director

SCHEDULE A
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
OF SVYAZINVEST AND ROSTELECOM

The name, business address and current principal occupation or employment of each of the executive officers and directors of Svyazinvest or Rostelecom are set forth below. The business address of each such person representing Svyazinvest is 55 ul. Plyuschikha, bldg. 2 Moscow, 119121, Russia. The business address of each such person representing Rostelecom is 14 ul. 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya, Moscow, 125047, Russia. All such persons listed below are citizens of the Russian Federation except for Stuart G. Paperin, David Geovanis and Grigory M. Finger, who are citizens of the United States.

| Name | Present Principal Occupation or Employment |
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| SVYAZINVEST | |
| Leonid D. Reiman | Chairman of the Board of Directors and Minister for Communications and Informatization of the Russian Federation |
| Alexander V. Anoshkin | Member of the Board of Directors and Assistant to the Head of the President's Administration of the Russian Federation |
| Vladimir V. Malin | Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Russian Federal Property Fund |
| Stuart G. Paperin | Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Vice-President of the Soros Fund |
| Sergei V. Molozhavyi | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Minister, Ministry of Property Relations of the Russian Federation |
| David Geovanis | Member of the Board of Directors and President of the Soros Fund |
| Andrei G. Tsyganov | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Russian Federation for Antimonopoly Policy and Support of Entrepreneurship |
| Sergei V. Mitrofanov | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy General |

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| | Director, Federal Agency of Government Communications and Information (FAPSI) |
| Elvira S. Nabiullina | Member of the Board of Directors and First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation |
| Valery N. Yashin | General Director, Chairman of Management Board and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rostelecom |
| Vladislav S. Vasin | First Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Alexander V. Lopatin | Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Stanislav N. Panchenko | Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Anton I. Osipchuk | First Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Georgii A. Romskii | Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Vadim E. Belov | Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Sergei I. Kouznetsov | Member of Management Board and General Director, member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of Management Board of Rostelecom |
| ROSTELECOM | |
| Valery N. Yashin | Chairman of the Board of Directors and General Director, Chairman of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Vadim E. Belov | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy General Director, member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Nikolai P. Emelyanov | Member of the Board of Directors and General Director of Open Joint Stock Company "Novgorodtelecom" |
| Sergei I. Kouznetsov | Member of the Board of Directors, General Director, Chairman of Management Board and Member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Alexander V. Lopatin | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy General Director, member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Anton I. Osipchuk | Member of the Board of Directors and First Deputy General Director, member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Stanislav N. Panchenko | Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy General Director, member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Victor A. Polischuk | Member of the Board of Directors and President of Open Joint Stock Company "Russian Telecommunication Network" |
| Irina M. Ragozina | Member of the Board of Directors and Director of Corporate Management Department of Svyazinvest |

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| Mikhail V. Slipenchuk | Member of the Board of Directors and General Director of Limited Liability Company "Investment Financial Company "Metropol" |
| Grigory M. Finger | Member of the Board of Directors |
| Sergei I. Kouznetsov | General Director, member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of Management Board and Member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Vladimir I. Androsik | Deputy General Director, Financial Director, member of Management Board |
| Dmitry E. Erokhin | First Deputy General Director, member of Management Board |
| Igor V. Zabolotnyi | Member of Management Board and Executive Director and Director of the Marketing and Sales Department of Svyazinvest |
| Vadim Y. Izotov | Deputy General Director, Director of Information Technology, member of Management Board |
| Alexander V. Lopatin | Member of Management Board and Deputy General Director, member of Management Board of Svyazinvest |
| Alexander A. Lutsky | Member of Management Board, Chief Accountant |
| Vladimir K. Mironov | Member of Management Board, Deputy General Director for Personnel and Security |
| Alexander V. Mikhalev | Member of Management Board, Deputy General Director and Administrative Director |
| Marina D. Oleshek | Member of Management Board, Deputy General Director and Director for Organizational Development and Personnel Management |
| Vladimir V. Terekhov | Member of Management Board, Deputy General Director and Technical Director |