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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002
DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

GOLDEN TELECOM, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State of incorporation)

0-27423
(Commission File Number)

51-0391303
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

REPRESENTATION OFFICE GOLDEN TELESERVICES, INC.
12 TRUBNAYA ULITSA
MOSCOW, RUSSIA 103045
(Address of principal executive office)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Golden Telecom, Inc. filed a Form 8-K dated September 17, 2002 with regard to the acquisition of the remaining 50% ownership interest in EDN Sovintel LLC without the required financial information. Accordingly, Golden Telecom, Inc. is filing this Form 8-K/A to include that financial information.

ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

On September 5, 2002, subject to the performance of certain Custody Agreement conditions, subsidiaries of Golden Telecom, Inc. (the acquiring subsidiaries together with Golden Telecom, Inc., the "Company" or "GTI") finalized the acquisition of the 50% ownership interest in EDN Sovintel LLC ("Sovintel") previously held by Open Joint Stock Company Rostelecom ("Rostelecom"), bringing the Company's ownership in Sovintel to 100%. Pursuant to the Ownership Interest Purchase Agreement dated March 13, 2002, by and among the Company and Rostelecom and a Custody Agreement by and among the Company, Rostelecom and ZAO Citibank ("Citibank"), the Company consummated the transaction by effectively placing in escrow, under the terms of the Custody Agreement, 4,024,067 million shares of GTI's common stock and a \$46.0 million non-interest bearing promissory note, payable on December 5, 2002, and by providing a \$10.0 million letter of credit. Upon the re-registration of Sovintel's charter documents and the performance of certain conditions in the Custody Agreement on September 17, 2002, the approximately 4,024,067 million shares of GTI's common stock and the \$46.0 million non-interest bearing

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promissory note were released to Rostelecom and the \$10.0 million letter of credit became payable. The purchase price was determined through arms' length negotiation between the Company and Rostelecom. For purposes of this transaction, the 4,024,067 million shares were valued at \$12.59 per share. The total purchase price of approximately \$113.0 million consisted of approximately \$50.7 million in GTI common stock, \$10.0 million in cash consideration, \$46.0 million in promissory note consideration which was recorded net of \$0.7 million discount, and direct transaction costs of approximately \$7.0 million, including an investment banking fee paid to Alfa Telecom Limited, a shareholder of the Company. The Company has the ability and the intent to finance a portion of the non-interest bearing promissory note with funds from borrowing on a \$30.0 million credit facility from Citibank. Pursuant to a Shareholders' Agreement, Rostelecom will be represented on the Company's Board of Directors. The Company began to consolidate the financial position and results of operations of Sovintel as of September 17, 2002. The Company was advised by Alfa Telecom Limited, a shareholder of the Company, and LV Finance.

The acquisition of the remaining 50% of Sovintel will further strengthen the Company's position in the key Moscow and St. Petersburg communications markets, position the Company to realize future operating and cost synergies, and allow GTI to offer a full suite of telecommunication services across broad geographical markets in Russian and the CIS. Sovintel provides worldwide communications services, principally to major hotels, business offices and mobile communication companies through its telecommunications network in Russia, including Moscow, St. Petersburg, Pskov, and Kaliningrad. The Company intends to use the assets of Sovintel in the manner in which they were previously used.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of business acquired:

The balance sheets as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of income, member' equity, and cash flow for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001 of EDN Sovintel LLC are incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K dated December 31, 2001 (Commission File No. 0-27423).

The interim financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2002 of EDN Sovintel LLC are incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated June 30, 2002 (Commission File No. 0-27423).

(b) Pro forma financial statements:

The accompanying pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 2002 and accompanying pro forma statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2001 and for the six month period ended June 30, 2002 were prepared based on the Company's interpretation of guidance issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (specifically Section 11.02 of Regulation S-X) to reflect the salient aspects of the EDN Sovintel LLC ("Sovintel") business combination as if it had occurred as of the pro forma dates referenced herein. As these financial statements and related adjustments are pro forma in nature, the resulting unaudited pro forma presentation is not necessarily indicative of results which may have occurred if the business combination was transacted at a date different than that which specifically occurred.

On September 17, 2002, subsidiaries of Golden Telecom, Inc. (referred to herein as either "GTI" or the "Company") completed the acquisition of 50% of Sovintel that the Company did not own from Open Joint Stock Company Rostelecom ("Rostelecom"), pursuant to an Ownership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated March 13, 2002, by and among subsidiaries of the Company and Rostelecom, bringing the Company's ownership in Sovintel to 100%.

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The total purchase price of approximately \$113.0 million consisted of approximately \$50.7 million in GTI's common stock, representing 4,024,067 newly issued shares, \$10.0 million in cash consideration, \$46.0 million in promissory note consideration (see discussion below), and direct transactions costs of approximately \$7.0 million, including an investment banking fee of approximately \$3.3 million paid to an affiliate of Alfa Telecom Limited, a shareholder of the Company. The value of the common stock was determined based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 3, 2002 in accordance with the guidance set forth in Emerging Issues Task Force Technical Bulletin ("EITF") 1999-12, "Determination of the Measurement Date for the Market Price of Acquirer Securities Issued in a Purchase Business Combination" ("EITF 99-12").

At closing, TeleRoss LLC ("TeleRoss"), a wholly-owned Russian subsidiary of the Company, issued a three month \$46.0 million non-interest bearing note payable to Rostelecom in partial settlement of the acquisition of the remaining 50% ownership interest. TeleRoss is required to settle the note, in full, on December 5, 2002. This non-interest bearing note payable was recorded net of \$0.7 million discount representing imputed interest.

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PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2002
(IN THOUSANDS)
(UNAUDITED)

	HISTORICAL		
	GOLDEN TELECOM	SOVINTEL	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,679	\$ 18,077	\$ (10,000)
Investments available for sale	1,998	--	--
Accounts receivable, net	24,514	18,765	--
Prepaid expenses	6,275	2,424	--
Other current assets	10,151	8,264	(1,874)
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	94,617	47,530	(12,650)
Property and equipment, net	98,278	66,228	(4,500)
Investments in and advances to ventures ...	46,447	--	(48,680)
			2,987
Goodwill and intangible assets:			
Goodwill, net	17,441	--	52,099
Intangible assets, net	35,962	1,745	20,171
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Net goodwill and intangible assets .	53,403	1,745	72,270
Restricted cash	1,984	--	--
Other non-current assets	8,215	3,056	(1,551)
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$302,944	\$118,559	\$ 7,876
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See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma financial statements.

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PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2002
(IN THOUSANDS)
(UNAUDITED)

	HISTORICAL		
	GOLDEN TELECOM	SOVINTEL	PRO ADJUS
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 31,505	\$ 19,334	\$
Debt maturing within one year	1,747	--	
Current capital lease obligation	1,694	--	
Due to affiliates and related parties	180	2,706	1
Other current liabilities	7,376	1,090	(
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	42,502	23,130	1
Long-term debt, less current portion	2,612	--	
Long-term debt to affiliate	--	--	3
Long-term capital lease obligation, less current portion .	6,529	--	
Other non-current liabilities	12,983	4,017	(
TOTAL LIABILITIES	64,626	27,147	3
Minority interest	4,761	--	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value	--	--	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	251	--	
Treasury stock, at cost	(25,000)	--	
Additional paid-in capital	418,157	--	5
Accumulated earnings (deficit)	(159,851)	91,412	(9
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	233,557	91,412	(3
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 302,944	\$118,559	\$

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma financial statements.

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PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(UNAUDITED)

	HISTORICAL	
	GOLDEN TELECOM	SOVINTEL
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REVENUE:		
Telecommunication services	\$ 70,464	\$ 64,617
Revenue from related parties	5,103	3,063
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TOTAL REVENUE	75,567	67,680
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Access and network services	32,926	37,578
Selling, general and administrative	19,924	8,123
Depreciation and amortization	12,250	5,183
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TOTAL OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES	65,100	50,884
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INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	10,467	16,796
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Equity in earnings/(losses) of ventures	487	--
Interest income	842	323
Interest expense	(927)	
Foreign currency losses	(507)	(535)
Minority interest	(227)	--
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	(332)	(212)
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Income (loss) before income taxes	10,135	16,584
Income taxes	2,149	4,620
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Income (loss) before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	7,986	11,964
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, net of tax effect of \$0	974	--
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 8,960	\$ 11,964
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Basic earnings per share of common stock:		
Income before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	\$ 0.36	
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle	0.04	

Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.40	
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Weighted average common shares - basic	22,593	

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Diluted earnings per share of common stock:	
Income before cumulative effect of	
a change in accounting principle	\$ 0.35
Cumulative effect of a change in	
accounting principle	0.04

Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.39
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Weighted average common shares - diluted	23,062
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See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma financial statements.

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PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(UNAUDITED)

	HISTORICAL	
	GOLDEN TELECOM	SOVINTEL
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REVENUE:		
Telecommunication services	\$ 128,407	\$ 108,363
Revenue from related parties	11,631	7,343
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TOTAL REVENUE	140,038	115,706
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:		
Access and network services	63,685	63,909
Selling, general and administrative	48,935	13,025
Depreciation and amortization	41,398	9,025
Impairment charge	31,291	--
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TOTAL OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES	185,309	85,959
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INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(45,271)	29,747
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):		
Equity in earnings/(losses) of ventures	8,155	--
Interest income	3,161	321
Interest expense	(2,384)	(12)
Foreign currency losses	(647)	(355)
Minority interest	(117)	--
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	8,168	(46)
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Income (loss) before income taxes	(37,103)	29,701
Income taxes	1,902	7,490
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (39,005)	\$ 22,211
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Net loss per share-basic	\$ (1.65)	
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Weighted average common shares-basic	23,605	
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Net loss per share-diluted	\$ (1.65)	
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Weighted average common shares-diluted	23,605	
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NOTES TO PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2002
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NOTE 1 ALLOCATION OF PURCHASE PRICE

The acquisition of the remaining 50% of Sovintel was accounted for as a purchase business combination in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP").

As the transaction reflected acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in Sovintel which was not previously owned by the Company, the Company has recorded the net assets of Sovintel at 50% of their estimated fair values and 50% of historical US GAAP carrying values.

The following is the actual condensed balance sheet of Sovintel as of the September 17, 2002 acquisition date, reflecting preliminary purchase price accounting adjustments to the net assets acquired:

	SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

	(IN THOUSANDS)
ASSETS:	
Current assets	\$ 42,830
Property and equipment, net	64,124
Telecommunications service contracts	
intangible assets, net	14,742
Contract based customer relationship	
intangible assets, net	6,350
Licenses, net	562
Other intangible assets, net	300
Goodwill	52,099
Other assets	12,080

Total assets	\$ 193,087
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LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities	\$ 24,351
Non-current liabilities	7,057

Net assets	\$ 161,679
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Less: previous carrying value of the Company's equity method investment	

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in Sovintel	(48,680)

Total purchase consideration and acquisition costs	\$ 112,999
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Consideration and acquisition costs:	
Cash consideration	\$ 10,000
Promissory note consideration, net of discount	45,307
GTI shares consideration	50,663
Direct transaction costs	7,029

Total purchase consideration and acquisition costs	\$ 112,999
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Purchase price allocation will be finalized upon completion of valuation of certain tangible assets. When final, the Company does not expect any significant changes to the amounts presented herein. The excess purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired of approximately \$52.1 million has been assigned to goodwill and is not deductible for tax purposes. In accordance with SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations and SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, the Company will not amortize the goodwill recorded in connection with the acquisition of the remaining 50% of Sovintel. The goodwill will be tested for impairment at least annually.

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NOTES TO PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
 JUNE 30, 2002
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NOTE 2 PRO FORMA BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTMENTS

The accompanying unaudited pro forma balance sheet includes the adjustments necessary to give effect to the business combination as if it had occurred on June 30, 2002 and to reflect the allocation of the acquisition cost to the estimated fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed as noted above, including the elimination of Sovintel's equity accounts.

As discussed above, an element of the business combination consideration was paid in the form of GTI shares, and was valued based upon the guidance of EITF 99-12. Goodwill amounts computed as of the actual September 17, 2002 closing date were a function of both this share price determination and the resulting tangible and intangible net assets existing as of September 17, 2002. During the preparation of the accompanying unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of June 30, 2002, these allocated goodwill amounts, and other purchase accounting adjustments, have been assumed to be consistent as of both the September 17, 2002 actual closing date and the June 30, 2002 pro forma closing date as set forth herein.

Adjustments included in the June 30, 2002 pro forma balance sheet are summarized as follows:

- (A) Cash consideration of \$10.0 million was paid at closing.
- (B) Promissory note consideration of \$46.0 million was issued at closing. This promissory note has been recorded net of an imputed discount of approximately \$0.7 million. Prior to closing, a subsidiary of the Company

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executed a \$30.0 million debt facility with ZAO Citibank providing for both the Company's ability and intent to refinance a portion of the promissory note on a long-term basis. Accordingly, \$30.0 million of the promissory note has been reflected as a long-term obligation with remaining amounts being reflected as a current obligation in the accompanying pro forma balance sheet.

- (D) An element of the purchase price was paid in the form of GTI shares consideration, representing 4,024,067 shares with an assigned value of \$50.7 million.
- (E) The Company recorded \$52.1 million in goodwill on the transaction.
- (F) Prior to closing the transaction, the Company accounted for its previous 50% interest in Sovintel using the equity method of accounting. Upon closing this transaction, Sovintel is now fully consolidated. This pro forma adjustment reflects the elimination of the previous 50% equity method investment in Sovintel included in the Company's June 30, 2002 balance sheet.
- (G) The Company has assigned approximately \$12.9 million to telecommunications service contracts intangible assets, approximately \$6.4 million to contract based customer relationship intangible assets, approximately \$0.6 million to licenses, and approximately \$0.3 million to other identified intangible assets. These identified intangible assets will be amortized over a weighted-average period of approximately seven years, and are non-deductible for Russian tax purposes. The preliminary allocation was based on an independent third party appraisal of the related intangible assets. The value assigned to the intangible assets reflects 50% of the appraised value, corresponding to the 50% of Sovintel currently purchased.

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- (H) Property and equipment's estimated fair market value was computed using the net current replacement cost valuation method. The preliminary value assigned to property and equipment in the accompanying pro forma balance sheet represents 50% of these estimated fair values and 50% of net historical book values.
- (I) The Company has eliminated approximately \$3.4 million in previously recorded Sovintel deferred revenues and approximately \$2.3 million of previously recorded Sovintel deferred costs. These purchase accounting adjustments relate to previous connection fee deferrals in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 ("SAB 101"). The purchase price accounting adjustments were made under the guidance provided by EITF 2001-03, "Accounting in a Business Combination for Deferred Revenue of an Acquiree". Amounts eliminated reflect 50% of such amounts previously recorded by Sovintel.
- (J) The Company has recorded a pro forma adjustment to deferred taxes which consists of the following (amounts in thousands of USD):

Property and equipment adjustment -	
Note 2(H)	\$ (4,500)

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Deferred revenue and cost adjustment -	
Note 2 (I).....	1,100
Intangible asset adjustment - Note 2 (G)...	20,171

Total adjustments to timing differences....	16,771
Russian statutory tax rate.....	24%

Pro forma deferred tax liability	
adjustment.....	\$ 4,025
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(K) Elimination entries related to operational activity between Sovintel and the Company.

(L) Elimination of Sovintel equity accounts upon consolidation.

NOTE 3 PRO FORMA STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS ADJUSTMENTS

The unaudited pro forma statements of operations include adjustments necessary to give effect to the merger as if it had occurred on January 1, 2001.

As discussed above, an element of the business combination consideration was paid in the form of GTI shares, and was valued based upon the guidance of EITF 99-12. Goodwill amounts computed as of the actual September 17, 2002 closing date was a function of both this share price determination and the resulting tangible and intangible net assets existing as of September 17, 2002. During the preparation of the accompanying unaudited pro forma statement of operations, these allocated goodwill amounts, and other purchase price adjustments, have been assumed to be consistent as of both the September 17, 2002 actual closing date and the January 1, 2001 pro forma closing date as set forth herein.

Adjustments included in the pro forma statement of operations are summarized as follows:

(M) Amortization of intangible assets over estimated useful lives (average 7 years).

(N) Effect of purchase accounting adjustments to fixed assets on depreciation expense.

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(O) Interest expense on debt assumed. Specifically, it is assumed that \$30.0 million in refinanced debt was outstanding for the entire year ended December 31, 2001 and for the six months ended June 30, 2002. Remaining portions of the promissory note of \$16 million is assumed to be outstanding for the three month period of the promissory note.

(P) Elimination of connection fee revenues and costs associated with the deferred revenue adjustment referenced in Note 1 (I) above.

(Q) Elimination of previously recorded equity in earnings of Sovintel.

(R) The following is a pro forma tax computation based on a Russian statutory

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rate of 24% applied to the incremental variation of reported net earnings, exclusive of the following implied permanent differences (amounts in thousands of USD):

	2001	2002
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	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Combined pre-tax net income (loss), previously reported.....	\$ (7,402)	\$ 26,719
Pro forma combined pre-tax net income (loss), reported herein.....	(22,351)	19,386
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Net change in reported pre-tax income	\$ 14,949	\$ 7,333
Less - permanent taxation differences:		
Equity in earnings of Sovintel.....	\$ (10,554)	\$ (5,367)
Transactions costs, deductible in USA....	7,000	--
Valuation allowance, transaction costs...	(7,000)	--
	-----	-----
Net change in taxable items.....	\$ 4,395	\$ 1,966
Russian statutory tax rate.....	24%	24%
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Incremental reduction (increase) in taxes...	\$ 1,055	\$ 472
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(S) Elimination entries related to operational activity between Sovintel and the Company.

(c) Exhibits

DESIGNATION	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT
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2.1*	Ownership Interest Purchase Agreement dated March 13, 2002, by and among SFMT-CIS, OOO TeleRoss (wholly-owned subsidiaries of Golden Telecom, Inc.) and OAO Rostelecom.
10.1*	Registration Rights Agreement dated September 5, 2002, by and among Golden Telecom, Inc. and OAO Rostelecom.
10.2*	Subscription Agreement dated September 5, 2002, by and among Golden Telecom, Inc. and OAO Rostelecom.
10.3*	Standstill Agreement dated as of September 5, 2002, by and among Golden Telecom, Inc., OAO Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom Limited, Capital International Global Emerging Markets Private Equity Fund, L.P., Cavendish Nominees Limited and First NIS Regional Fund SICAV.
10.4*	Shareholders Agreement dated as of September 5, 2002, by and among Golden Telecom, Inc., OAO Rostelecom, Alfa Telecom Limited, Capital International Global Emerging Markets Private Equity Fund, L.P., Cavendish Nominees Limited and First NIS Regional Fund SICAV.

* Incorporated by reference to the Company's current report on Form 8-K dated

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September 17, 2002 (Commission File No. 0-27423).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

GOLDEN TELECOM, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ DAVID STEWART

Name: David Stewart
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 15, 2002