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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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, 2004

Commission File Number 001-14485

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

(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.
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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 NoX

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FERNANDO ABELLA UNDERTAKES STRATEGIC POSITION AT TELEFÓNICA MÓVILES - SPAIN

Fernando Abella was invited to undertake a new position in the management of Telefónica Móviles, headquartered in Madrid, where he will be in charge of controlling and developing the company s businesses in Latin America.

The selection of Fernando Abella, current Vice-President - Finance, Control and Resources and Investor Relations Officer of the above referred Companies, which operate under Vivo brand, for these new functions, is a result of his contribution to the Telefónica Group as well as of the important role he has played in the company in Brazil, with which he has been working for 5 years.

The decision is pending ratification by the Boards of Directors of the Vivo holding companies and, meanwhile, Fernando Abella shall continue exercising his duties until being replaced by his successor, Arcadio Martinez, who already works in Brazil, in the General Control Management of those Companies.

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: February 18, 2004

TELE SUDESTE CELULAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

By: /s/ Fernando Abella Garcia

Fernando Abella Garcia Investor Relations Officer

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