

GOLDEN TELECOM INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 VINOGRADOV ALEXANDER

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2831 29TH STREET, NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

07/21/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Restricted Shares of Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	07/21/2005		A		6,500	A	\$ 28.38
					6,500	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VINOGRADOV ALEXANDER 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008			President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Alexander
Vinogradov 07/22/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects the grant of 6,500 Restricted Shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. One-third (1/3) of the Shares of Restricted Stock (2,166) will vest on August 1, 2005. The remaining two-thirds (2/3) of the Shares of Restricted Stock will vest monthly at the rate of one twenty-fourth (1/24) per month (180) commencing on September 1, 2005.
- (2) Owing to ambiguities and inconsistencies in the legislation of the countries in which some of our employees live, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company decided not to issue restricted stock to the Company's Russian employees, including Mr. Vinogradov. Instead, as part of the Company's key employee incentive and retention policy, the Company established the Golden Telecom Incentive Bonus Program, whereby the Company issues restricted stock to a trust in numbers corresponding to the level of financial incentive the Company wishes to award its eligible employees. When eligible employees, including Mr. Vinogradov, desire and are eligible to receive the economic benefit of the restricted stock, they inform the Company and the Company, in turn, advises the trustee, who sells an appropriate number for contribution to the trust. Upon request of the Company and the employee, the funds available in the trust may be disbursed to eligible employees in the form of incentive bonuses.

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