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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 March, 2007

Commission File Number 001-14491

# TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### TIM HOLDING COMPANY S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Av. das Américas, 3434, Bloco 1, 7º andar Parte 22640-102 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.
Form 20-FX 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 NoX

## TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Publicly Held Company CNPJ/MF 02.558.115/0001 -21 NIRE 33.300.276.963

#### **MATERIAL FACT NOTICE**

TIM Participações S.A. ([Company]) hereby, pursuant to the provisions set forth under  $§4^{\circ}$  of Section 157 of Law 6,404/76 and CVM Ruling 358/02, informs its shareholders, the market in general and other interested parties as follows:

The Company and its subsidiaries (TIM Celular S.A. and TIM Nordeste S.A.) decided to start accounting the asset retirement obligations (ARO) in order to improve the presentation of their financial statements in local GAAP and to adjust their accounting practices to those used by other companies in the market, including telecommunications companies.

The new accounting treatment, which has been reflected in the financial statements for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2006, consists in capitalizing estimated costs to be incurred by the Subsidiaries on the disassembly of towers and equipment in rented properties. Against this capitalization, a provision for asset retirement obligations was recorded and discounted to present value, so as to reflect the best current estimate. In addition, the capitalized amounts shall be depreciated based on the useful lives of the respective assets, while the provision shall be subject to revision and update.

On December 31, 2006, the amount of the provision for asset retirement obligations recorded in the consolidated balance sheet of the Company was R\$158.2 million.

Further information about the matter may be found in the financial statements and in the press release relating to the results of the Company, both in connection with the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2006, which are available at TIM Participaes S.A. internet homepage (<a href="https://www.timpartri.com.br">www.timpartri.com.br</a>). Rio de Janeiro (RJ), March 05, 2007.

#### TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Stefano De Angelis Investors Relations Officer

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#### **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.

TIM PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Date: March 6, 2007 By: /s/ Stefano De Angelis

Name: Stefano De Angelis Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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