

TELESP PARTICIPACOES SA

Form 6-K

August 18, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of August, 2004

Commission File Number: 001-14475

TELESP HOLDING COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Rua Martiniano de Carvalho, 851 21° andar

São Paulo, S.P.

Federative Republic of Brazil

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Item

1. Press Release entitled *Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A. - Telesp Announces the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting* dated on August 17, 2004.

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Announces the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting

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(São Paulo, Brazil - August 17, 2004) - The management of Telecomunicações de São Paulo S/A TELESP (NYSE: TSP; BOVESPA: TLPP) announces the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting to be held on September 02, 2004, at 09:00 a.m., at the Company's headquarters located at Rua Martiniano de Carvalho 851 (Auditorium), Bela Vista, in the capital of the State of São Paulo, to discuss the following agenda:

I Securities Distribution Program

The establishment of the Securities Distribution Program in order to issue Bonds and Promissory Notes, in accordance with term of the Instruction CVM #400/03, totaling the amount of up to R\$3,000,000,000.00 (three billion reais).

II Bonds Issuance

The First Bond Issuance, simple, not convertible to shares, unsecured, in the amount of up to R\$1,500,000,000.00 (one billion and five hundred million reais), with a maturity of up to 10 years and to delegate to the Board of Directors, in accordance with the terms of the chapter XI of the article 17 in the Company's Bylaws, the approval of the other terms of the Issuance.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A) The corresponding powers-of-attorney for the Meeting must be filed at the Company's headquarters, at Rua Martiniano de Carvalho 851, 16th floor, São Paulo-SP, Secretaria Geral, on business days from Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 18:00 hours, with the deadline set on August 30, 2004 at 18:00 hours. Such powers-of-attorney must contain special powers and be accompanied with the company's acts and/or documents that prove the representation of the shareholder, in the case of legal entities.

- B) The shareholders participating in the Stock Exchange Custody Program for Nominal Shares who wish to participate in the referred Meeting shall submit to the Company's headquarters an abstract of their shareholding position issued by the custodian entity after August 30, 2004, inclusive.

São Paulo, August 17, 2004.

Fernando Xavier Ferreira

Chairman, Board of Directors

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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.

TELESP HOLDING COMPANY

Date: August 17, 2004.

By: /s/ Charles E. Allen

Name: Charles E. Allen

Title: Investor Relations Director