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Golden Telecom Reports Positive Fourth Quarter and Year 2000 Results

Highlights – Fourth Quarter

- Consolidated revenues of \$32.5 million; up 28 percent from the same quarter in the prior year, and up 11 percent from last quarter.
- Consolidated EBITDA¹ of \$4.5 million; up 18 percent from the same quarter in the prior year, and up 10 percent from last quarter.
- Consolidated Data and Internet revenues of \$13.4 million; up 91 percent from the same quarter in the prior year and up 29 percent from the last quarter.
- Consolidated CLEC revenues of \$11.9 million; up 11 percent from last quarter.

Highlights – Year 2000

- Consolidated revenues of \$113.1 million, up 16 percent from previous year.
- Revenues from Data and Internet of \$41.5 million; up 53 percent from previous year.
- Dial-up Internet subscribers of 85,833; up more than 360 percent from the first of the year.
- Consolidated EBITDA¹ of \$16.7 million, up from \$16.4 million in the previous year.

MOSCOW, Russia (February 13, 2001) -- Golden Telecom ("GTI") (Nasdaq: GLDN), a leading integrated provider of telecommunications and Internet services across Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), today reported its results for the fourth quarter and full year 2000.

"Our financial performance in 2000 clearly demonstrates that we have met, or exceeded, all of the commitments made to our shareholders," says Stewart Reich, Golden Telecom president and CEO. "Our strong fourth quarter results capped an impressive year of growth. Quarterly consolidated revenues grew to \$32.5 million. That's up 28 percent from the same quarter in the prior year, and up 11 percent from last quarter."

Golden Telecom's commitment to the Russian Internet is also beginning to reap financial rewards. "Our data and Internet services revenue increased 53 percent, fueled by a jump in dial-up Internet subscribers of over 360 percent from the first of the year," confirms Golden Telecom CFO, David Wisher.

Golden Telecom made numerous acquisitions in 2000. Several of these purchases closed in the fourth quarter, including the acquisition of a top-rated Russian search engine Aport, a leading online directory service @Rus and popular entertainment site Omen from Digital Holdings, Corp. The company also completed the swap of its Russian mobile properties in exchange for a stake in cellular provider MCT Corp.

In the fourth quarter Golden Telecom also opened its 5,000 square foot Internet Data Center in Moscow. The center will target Internet companies, ISPs, carriers and business who need hosting and co-location services.

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During 2000 the company acquired rights for up to STM-16 Broadband Fiber Optic capacity from Moscow to Stockholm, significantly enhancing international access for data and Internet traffic.

Fourth quarter 2000 Results

Consolidated revenues were \$32.5 million, up 11 percent compared to last quarter, and up 28 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999.

- Data and Internet business line revenues were \$13.4 million, up 29 percent compared to last quarter, and up 70 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999.
- Internet subscribers increased to 85,833, up more than 360 percent from 18,599 subscribers at the end of the fourth quarter of 1999.
- CLEC revenues were \$11.9 million, up 11 percent compared to last quarter, and up 5 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999.
- Long Distance business line revenues were \$4.4 million, up 7 percent compared to last quarter, and up 63 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999.
- Mobile Services revenues were \$4.3 million, down 7 percent compared to last quarter and down slightly compared with the fourth quarter of 1999. Mobile subscribers at our Golden Telecom Ukraine GSM operations have increased to 36,786, up 44 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999. The average monthly revenue per subscriber at Golden Telecom Ukraine during the fourth quarter of 2000 was \$38, down 40 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999.

Consolidated EBITDA¹ was \$4.5 million, up 10 percent compared to last quarter, and up 18 percent from \$3.8 million in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The net loss for the period was (\$2.2) million, compared to a net loss of (\$4.1) million reported in the fourth quarter of 1999. Equity in earnings of ventures was \$0.7 million compared to equity in losses of ventures of (\$1.8) million in the fourth quarter of 1999, primarily due to improved net income in Sovintel and reduced losses from the Vostok Mobile ventures.

The net loss per common share was (\$0.09) compared to a net loss of (\$0.18) for the fourth quarter of 1999. The weighted-average number of shares outstanding increased to 24.2 million compared to 22.9 million in the fourth quarter of 1999.

About Golden Telecom

Golden Telecom, Inc., NASDAQ "GLDN" is a leading facilities-based provider of integrated telecommunications and Internet services in major population centers throughout Russia and other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). The company offers competitive local exchange carrier services using its overlay network in Moscow, Kiev and Saint Petersburg; data and long-distance services using a fiber optic and satellite-based network, including more than 130 combined access points in Russia and other countries of the CIS; dedicated and dial-up Internet access to businesses and consumers; and popular Internet content through several web brands, including its Russia-On-Line portal. Golden Telecom also provides mobile services in Ukraine using cellular networks in Kiev and Odessa. GTS holds approximately 62 percent of Golden Telecom's outstanding shares.

Statements made in this press release are forward looking and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. It is important to note that such statements involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in these statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the political and economic developments in the markets where we operate, especially Russia and Ukraine, the Company's limited operating history, and increasing competition that may limit growth opportunities, especially in the Internet and data transmission services. Additional information concerning factors that could cause results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements are contained in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, the Company's prospectus dated June 30, 2000 included in the Registration Statement No. 333-39260 on Form S-1, the Company's report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2000, June 30, 2000, and September 30, 2000 and the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999. Additional information may also be contained in the filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission submitted by Global TeleSystems, Inc., ("GTS") the majority shareholder in the Company.

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Golden Telecom, Inc.
Condensed, Consolidated Statement of Operations
(Amounts in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended:		Twelve Months Ended:	
	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)	(unaudited)
Revenues	\$ 25.4	\$ 32.5	\$ 97.9	\$ 113.1
Operating costs and expenses:				
Access and network services	10.6	15.6	40.5	51.0
Selling, general and administrative	11.0	12.4	41.0	45.4
EBITDA ¹	3.8	4.5	16.4	16.7
Abandonment and restructuring charge	—	—	19.8	—
Depreciation and amortization	6.7	8.8	28.2	31.9
Loss from operations	(2.9)	(4.3)	(31.6)	(15.2)
Other income/(expense):				
Equity in earnings/(losses) of ventures	(1.8)	0.7	(6.7)	(0.3)
Foreign currency gains/(losses)	(1.2)	(0.4)	(2.7)	(0.4)
Interest income/(expense), net	2.8	2.2	2.8	7.1
Other expense	—	—	—	(0.1)
Minority interest	(0.2)	—	(1.5)	(0.4)
Total other income/(expense)	(0.4)	2.5	(8.1)	5.9
Net income before income taxes	(3.3)	(1.8)	(39.7)	(9.3)
Income taxes	0.8	0.4	6.8	1.0
Net loss	<u>\$ (4.1)</u>	<u>\$ (2.2)</u>	<u>\$ (46.5)</u>	<u>\$ (10.3)</u>
Net loss per share	<u>(\$0.18)</u>	<u>(\$0.09)</u>	<u>(\$3.39)</u>	<u>(\$0.43)</u>
Weighted average common shares	<u>22.9</u>	<u>24.2</u>	<u>13.7</u>	<u>24.1</u>

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Golden Telecom, Inc.
Condensed, Consolidated Balance Sheet
(Amounts in millions)

	<u>12/31/99</u> (audited)	<u>12/31/00</u> (unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 162.7	\$ 57.9
Investments held for sale	—	54.3
Accounts receivable, net	11.0	19.3
Prepaid expenses and other assets	7.9	9.9
Total current assets	<u>181.6</u>	<u>141.4</u>
Property and equipment, net	62.2	82.4
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	53.5	70.0
Investments in and advances to ventures	45.2	49.6
Restricted cash and other assets	24.1	5.0
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 366.6</u>	<u>\$ 348.4</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 35.0	\$ 28.3
Debt maturing within one year	4.1	3.3
Other current liabilities	10.0	9.9
Total current liabilities	<u>49.1</u>	<u>41.5</u>
Long-term debt	23.9	15.7
Other liabilities	2.3	4.8
TOTAL LIABILITIES	75.3	62.0
Minority interest	2.8	3.3
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock	0.2	0.2
Additional paid-in capital	407.9	412.8
Accumulated deficit	<u>(119.6)</u>	<u>(129.9)</u>
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>288.5</u>	<u>283.1</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 366.6</u>	<u>\$ 348.4</u>

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Golden Telecom, Inc.
Line-of-Business Statistics (unaudited)
(Amounts in millions)

	Consolidated					
	Three Months Ended:			Twelve Months ended:		
	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>9/30/00</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	
Revenues						
CLEC	\$ 11.3	\$ 10.7	\$ 11.9	\$ 44.7	\$ 42.0	
Data and Internet	7.9	10.4	13.4	27.2	41.5	
Long distance	2.7	4.1	4.4	11.4	14.8	
Mobile services	4.4	4.6	4.3	17.6	17.5	
Eliminations	(0.9)	(0.4)	(1.5)	(3.0)	(2.7)	
Total revenues	\$ 25.4	\$ 29.4	\$ 32.5	\$ 97.9	\$ 113.1	
EBITDA¹						
CLEC	\$ 6.2	\$ 5.2	\$ 5.7	\$ 25.0	\$ 20.8	
Data and Internet	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.5	3.4	
Long distance	(1.0)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(2.9)	(1.4)	
Mobile services	0.7	1.3	0.9	5.0	4.5	
Corporate	(3.3)	(3.0)	(2.5)	(12.2)	(10.6)	
Total EBITDA	\$ 3.8	\$ 4.1	\$ 4.5	\$ 16.4	\$ 16.7	
Proportional						
	Three Months Ended:			Twelve Months Ended:		
	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>9/30/00</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	
	Revenues²					
CLEC	\$ 19.3	\$ 16.3	\$ 22.3	\$ 76.4	\$ 72.4	
Data and Internet	7.7	10.0	10.8	25.8	37.8	
Long distance	2.2	4.3	3.8	9.2	14.5	
Mobile services	5.2	5.6	5.7	19.9	21.4	
Total revenues	\$ 34.4	\$ 36.2	\$ 42.6	\$ 131.3	\$ 146.1	
EBITDA³						
CLEC	\$ 8.6	\$ 8.3	\$ 8.8	\$ 35.1	\$ 32.8	
Data and Internet	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.5	3.3	
Long distance	(0.8)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(2.3)	(0.7)	
Mobile services	1.5	1.8	1.5	6.2	6.1	
Corporate	(3.3)	(3.0)	(2.5)	(12.2)	(10.6)	
Total EBITDA	\$ 7.2	\$ 7.8	\$ 8.5	\$ 28.3	\$ 30.9	

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The following table presents selected operating data⁴ related to our consolidated and non-consolidated ventures at and for the periods shown:

	Three Months Ended:		
	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>9/30/00</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>
Points of presence	109	126	132
Total voice minutes (millions)			
Local	73.2	81.9	95.5
Domestic long distance	25.6	34.4	45.9
International outgoing	19.7	23.3	24.8
Incoming	20.1	43.8	54.1
Dial-up Internet access subscribers ⁵	18,599	63,916	85,833
Total active cellular subscribers	25,496	32,663	36,786
Total employees – consolidated entities	541	775	944
Total employees – non-consolidated entities	489	482	504

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EDN Sovintel, LLC
Condensed Statement of Operations
(Amounts in millions)

	Three Months Ended:		Twelve Months Ended:	
	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(unaudited)
Revenues	\$ 23.2	\$ 25.7	\$ 91.7	\$ 93.9
Operating costs and expenses:				
Access and network services	12.5	14.2	51.1	49.7
Selling, general and administrative	5.2	4.4	17.6	16.8
EBITDA ¹	5.5	7.1	23.0	27.4
Depreciation and amortization	1.9	2.5	7.7	8.6
Income from operations	3.6	4.6	15.3	18.8
Other expense:				
Foreign currency gains/(losses)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(1.8)	(1.3)
Interest expense, net	(0.1)	0.1	(0.3)	—
Total other income/(expense)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(2.1)	(1.3)
Net income before income taxes	2.9	4.0	13.2	17.5
Income taxes	1.8	1.0	7.6	7.3
Net income	\$ 1.1	\$ 3.0	\$ 5.6	\$ 10.2

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EDN Sovintel, LLC
Condensed Balance Sheet
(Amounts in millions)

	<u>12/31/99</u> <u>(audited)</u>	<u>12/31/00</u> <u>(unaudited)</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 2.6	\$ 4.0
Accounts receivable, net	16.9	13.1
Prepaid expenses and other assets	6.1	8.8
Total current assets	<u>25.6</u>	<u>25.9</u>
Property and equipment, net	50.4	51.3
Deferred expenses and other assets	1.6	2.2
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 77.6</u>	<u>\$ 79.4</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12.2	\$ 6.9
Debt maturing within one year	4.0	0.7
Other current liabilities	4.3	5.0
Total current liabilities	20.5	12.6
Other liabilities	—	1.6
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20.5	14.2
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>57.1</u>	<u>65.2</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 77.6</u>	<u>\$ 79.4</u>

Notes to data for Golden Telecom and Sovintel:

1. EBITDA is earnings/(loss) from operations before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, foreign currency gains/(losses), other (expense)/income and non-recurring expenses. EBITDA is a measure of a company's performance commonly used in the telecommunications industry, but should not be construed as an alternative to net income/(loss) determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as an indicator of operating performance or as an alternative to cash from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of liquidity.
2. Proportional revenue is calculated using the actual revenues for each entity, net of intercompany revenues, multiplied by the ownership percentage held by GTI as of December 31, 2000. Mobile entities transferred to MCT were treated as being held for the full quarter for proportional calculations.
3. Proportional EBITDA is calculated using the actual EBITDA for each entity multiplied by the ownership percentage held by GTI as of December 31, 2000. Mobile entities transferred to MCT Corp. were treated as being held for the full quarter for proportional calculations.
4. Operating data has been restated to exclude the Russian cellular ventures, which were involved in the transaction with MCT Corp.
5. Dial-up Internet subscribers is the number of users (or logins) who have logged on to the system during the month in question, regardless of whether they are enabled or disabled at month end. It specifically excludes "on-trial" users, free users and internal users.

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