Svetlichny Boris Form 3 March 21, 2006			
FORM 3	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549	OMB AP OMB Number:	PROVAL 3235-0104
	INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES	Expires: Estimated av	0
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Svetlichny Boris		Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/17/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
2831 29TH S	STREET, N	NW					× • • •
(Street)				(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group	
WASHINGT	°ON, DC	20008		÷	<pre> 10% Other v) (specify belo FO and Treasu</pre>	ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr	•
Common Sto	ock		200		D	Â	
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т			ities Beneficially Owned (e	a nuts calls	warrants on	tions c	onvertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	ty 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(Instr. 4)	-	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
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	Exercisable	Exercisable	Number of			or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Rights (1)	(1)	03/17/2011(2)	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 29.63	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r e	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Svetlichny Boris 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008	Â	Â	Sr. VP, CFO and Treasurer	Â			
Signatures							

/s/ Julia Marx,	03/21/2006
Attorney-In-Fact	05/21/2000

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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Reflects the grant of Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") with respect to 50,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. Seventy-five percent of the grant (37,500 shares) is subject to time-vesting, one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the first anniversary (\$31.111 Premium Base Value Per Share), one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the second anniversary (\$32.666 Premium Base Value Per Share) and one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall

(1) become vested and nonforfeitable on the third anniversary (\$34.299 Premium Base Value Per Share), provided Mr. Svetlichny remains continuously employed by Golden Telecom, Inc. or one of its subsidiaries or business units until each such relevant date. Twenty-five percent of the SARs granted (12,500 shares) are subject to performance vesting upon the Company's Common Stock achieving a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days.

If the Company's Common Stock does not achieve a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days within (2) three years of the date of grant, such portion of the SARs granted subject to performance vesting shall expire by its terms and shall not be exercisable.

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