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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, 2011

Commission File Number: 001-14475

TELESP HOLDING COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Rua Martiniano de Carvalho, 851 21o andar
São Paulo, S.P.
Federative Republic of Brazil**

(Address of principal executive office)

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1. Press Release entitled *Telecomunicações de São Paulo S.A. Telesp Minutes of the 196th Board of Directors Meeting* dated on August 11, 2011.
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(São Paulo Brazil; August 11, 2011) Telecomunicações de São Paulo S. A. Telesp (the Company or Telesp) (NYSE: VIV; BOVESPA: TLPP) hereby informs the Minutes of the 196th Board of Directors Meeting held on August 11, 2011:

1. DATE, TIME AND PLACE: On August 11, 2011, at 9:00 p.m., at the Company's headquarters located at Rua Martiniano de Carvalho, 851, in the city and state of São Paulo.

2. PRESIDING BOARD: Antonio Carlos Valente da Silva, Chairman of the Board and Breno Rodrigo Pacheco de Oliveira, Secretary of the Meeting.

3. ATTENDANCE: These minutes were signed by the attending Board Members, according to the article 19, paragraph 4 of Bylaws, representing a quorum required for installation and deliberation.

4. AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS: Start of Share Buyback Program for subsequent cancellation, disposal or to be held in treasury.

The Board of Directors, in accordance with article 17, item XV of Bylaws, by unanimous approved a proposal to start a Share Buyback Program (Program), for subsequent cancellation, disposal or to be held in treasury, as pursuant in CVM Instruction Nr. 10/80 as amended, having been authorized as follows:

(i) Program Objective: acquisition of preferred shares issued by the Company to be held in treasury and subsequent disposal and/or cancellation, without reduction in the capital stock. The Board understands that such operations are convenient and attend the Company's interest, in view of the shares market price in BM&FBOVESPA S.A. Bolsa de Valores, Mercadorias e Futuros, because of the current economic instability on the world stage. The share buyback to be held in treasury presents itself as a profit opportunity for shareholders.

It is proposed that the repurchase be effected through the use of part of existing capital reserve on June 30, 2011, except the reserves referred in Article 7 subsection (a) to (d) of CVM Instruction Nr. 10/80. The acquisitions will be realized in BM&FBOVESPA at market prices and as responsibility of the Board to decide the moment and quantity of shares to be acquired, whether in a single operation, whether in a series of operations, within legal limits.

(ii) Quantity of Shares to be acquired: until a maximum of 2,700,000 (two million seven hundred thousand) preferred shares, which account for less than 10% of the outstanding shares on this date;

(iii) Quantity of Outstanding Shares: 263,204,985 preferred shares, without considering the shares held by controllers shareholders; and

(iv) Deadline to realize the operation: until October 20, 2011.

(v) Brokerage: the operation will be realized through the following broker: Bradesco Corretora S.A. CTVM, headquarter at Avenida Paulista, 1.450 / 7th floor São Paulo/SP.

The Board authorized the Company's Directors to perform all necessary acts for the total effectiveness of the operation.

5. CLOSING: As no matters were left to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned, of which these minutes were drawn up, read and approved, was signed by the presents.

Breno Rodrigo Pacheco de Oliveira
Secretary of the Board

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.

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Date: August 11, 2011

By:

/s/ Carlos Raimar Schoeninger

Name: Carlos Raimar Schoeninger

Title: Investor Relations Director
