

Z TEL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â RICHLAND VENTURES III			(Month/Day/Year)	Z TEL TECHNOLOGIES INC [ZTEL]	
L P			11/29/2004		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1201 16TH AVENUE SOUTH			(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner		___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
NASHVILLE,Â TNÂ 37212			___ Officer ___ Other		___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)			(give title below) (specify below)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,422,574	D <sup>(1)</sup>	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Warrant	11/29/2004	07/05/2005	Common Stock 174,595	\$ 49.9 D (1) A

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHLAND VENTURES III L P 1201 16TH AVENUE SOUTH NASHVILLE, TN 37212	A	A X	A	A

## Signatures

/s/ Jack Tyrell as General Partner of Richland Partners III, the General Partner of Richland Ventures III, L.P.

12/08/2004

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These securities are held directly by Richard Ventures III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership "RVIII", the general partner of which is Richland Partners III, a Delaware general partnership "RPIII". RPIII disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its partnership interest. Mr. Tyrell, Mr. Ortale and Mr. Hoffman are individual general partners of RPIII and each disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his partnership interest.

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