

Smirnov Ilya
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smirnov Ilya

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2831 29TH STREET, NW
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/12/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Gen. Coun., Corp. Sec.

WASHINGTON, DC 20008
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Acquisition of Common Stock	12/12/2007		M	2,500 A \$ 29.556	2,500	D	
Sale of Common Stock	12/12/2007		S	2,500 D \$ 24.24	0	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29.556	12/12/2007		M	2,500	<u>(2)</u> 12/12/2010	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smirnov Ilya 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008			VP, Gen. Coun., Corp. Sec.	

Signatures

/s/ Ilya Smirnov 12/12/2007
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) The undersigned has agreed that the maximum amount of cash that he can receive upon exercise of a SAR is the difference between \$53.80 and the exercise price. The other terms of these SARs is unchanged.
- (2) The remaining 2,500 SARs will vest on December 12, 2008.

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