

Some 732 international channels were available, of which 640 were via satellite.

B.8. Investment

In the first half of 1988, the State - through Corfo - held more than half the company's capital and Entel had to adhere to a Ministry budget.

This set-up ceased following privatization, enabling Entel to invest in the satellite services of Intelsat and Inmarsat. Its investment in Intelsat is approximately 0.57 per cent, equivalent to US \$ 7.89 million. This enables Entel to appoint a Governor in the organisation in conjunction with Argentina and Paraguay.

Its 0.05 per cent Inmarsat investment is equal to some US \$ 119,503.

B.9. Suppliers

Although Entel does buy equipment from principal world suppliers it prefers to use domestic suppliers such as Telecomunicaciones e Informática - formed in 1988, to provide telecommunications and computer services, equipment and components. (Please, see Appendix Nº1 for further reference on suppliers).

B.10. Employees

Entel employs approximately 1,460 people.