

plan are presented in Table 3 of the Statistical Appendix.

The dynamic expansion of CTC and its potential growth in long distance telephony has resulted in legal controversies with ENTEL, the major long distance operator. A new telecommunications law is currently under discussion in Congress. It will probably result in the segmentation of the market between local and long distance telephony; the government's position is to allow CTC to participate in both markets through separate companies. A rapid decision in this matter would facilitate prompt operation of a dialled multicarrier system, which allows for free choice among competing long distance carriers.

The **National Telecommunications Company** (ENTEL) was originally created as a state-owned monopoly for long-distance communications. Its main source of income is still long-distance telephone services --both national and international-- which represent about 80% of total revenues (mainly due to the demand generated by CTC). The company has a microwave trunk network, transverse links and satellite links for national and international communications. In addition to telephony, it offers a selection of services ranging from telegraphy and data links to television signals and radio transmission and videoconferencing.

Until 1989, ENTEL maintained a monopolistic position in the long-distance market. This changed in 1990 with the entry of CHILESAT, a company providing national and international long distance services. With the possible entry of a CTC subsidiary in this market, ENTEL will probably face increasing competition.

ENTEL has a number of subsidiary companies, such as SATEL (providing all types of telecommunication services) and TELECOM (providing cellular telephone services).

VTR is a private Chilean company that started to operate in Santiago in the early 1980s, providing mainly data transmission services and especially telex. At present it has extended its operation to other areas such as computer services and informatics.

VTR has the concession for a number of public telecommunication services, including cellular telephony, data