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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GOLDEN TELECOM INC [GLDN] **CUFFE KEVIN** (Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2831 29TH STREET, NW (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person WASHINGTON, DCÂ 20008 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP, Deputy General Director Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)

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Options to purchase Common Stock (1)	10/01/2000	10/01/2009	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 12	D	Â
Options to purchase Common Stock (2)	10/12/2001	10/12/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.63	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights (3)	(3)	12/12/2010(4)	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 26.808	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CUFFE KEVIN 2831 29TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008	Â	Â	VP, Deputy General Director	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Kevin Cuffe 04/26/2006

**Signature of 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) One-third of these options vests on the first anniversary of the date of grant (October 1, 1999). Thereafter, the options will vest in equal monthly installments for a period of 24 months.
- One-third of these options vests on the first anniversary of the date of grant (October 12, 2000). Thereafter, the options will vest in equal monthly installments for a period of 24 months.
 - Reflects the grant of Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs") with respect to 50,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. Seventy-five percent of the grant (37,500 shares) is subject to time-vesting, one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the first anniversary (\$28.148 Premium Base Value Per Share), one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the grant anniversary (\$28.148 Premium Base Value Per Share), one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the grant anniversary (\$20.556 Premium Base Value Per Share), and again third (12,500 shares) of which shall
- (3) and nonforfeitable on the second anniversary (\$29.556 Premium Base Value Per Share) and one-third (12,500 shares) of which shall become vested and nonforfeitable on the third anniversary (\$31.033 Premium Base Value Per Share), provided Mr. Cuffe remains continuously employed by Golden Telecom, Inc. or one of its subsidiaries or business units until each such relevant date. Twenty-five percent of the SARs granted (12,500 shares) is subject to performance vesting upon the Company's Common Stock achieving a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days.
- If the Company's Common Stock does not achieve a closing trading price of at least \$50.00 per share for thirty consecutive days within (4) three years of the date of grant (December 12, 2005), such portion of the SARs granted subject to performance vesting shall expire by its terms and shall not be exercisable.

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