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THE EMERGING MARKETS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND, INC.

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THE EMERGING MARKETS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND, INC.

466 LEXINGTON AVENUE
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
THE EMERGING MARKETS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") will be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets), 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017, on Thursday, March 27, 2003 commencing at 2:00 p.m., New York time.

The purpose of the Meeting is to consider and act upon the following proposal and to consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof:

- (1) To elect one (1) director of the Fund.

The close of business on February 24, 2003 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of the shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Meeting.

This notice and related proxy material are first being mailed on or about March 4, 2003.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Michael A. Pignataro

MICHAEL A. PIGNATARO
SECRETARY

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED AND VOTED AT THE MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD PROMPTLY. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR PROXY CARD BE RETURNED PROMPTLY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF FURTHER SOLICITATION.

Dated: March 4, 2003
New York, New York

THE EMERGING MARKETS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND, INC.
466 LEXINGTON AVENUE
16TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with a solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the offices of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC ("CSAM"), 466 Lexington Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets), 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017 on Thursday, March 27, 2003 (commencing at 2:00 p.m., New

York time) and at any adjournments thereof (collectively, the "Meeting"). A Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and a proxy card (the "Proxy") accompany this Proxy Statement. Proxy solicitations will be made primarily by mail, but solicitations may also be made by telephone, telegraph or personal interviews conducted by officers or employees of the Fund, CSAM, the investment adviser to the Fund, Bear Stearns Funds Management Inc., the administrator of the Fund (the "Administrator"), or Georgeson Shareholder Communications Inc. ("Georgeson"), a proxy solicitation firm that has been retained by the Fund and which will receive a fee not to exceed \$5,000 and will be reimbursed for its reasonable expenses. All costs of solicitation, including (a) printing and mailing of this Proxy Statement and accompanying material, (b) the reimbursement of brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material to the beneficial owners of the Fund's shares, (c) payment of Georgeson for its services in soliciting Proxies and (d) supplementary solicitations to submit Proxies, will be borne by the Fund. This Proxy Statement is expected to be mailed to shareholders on or about March 4, 2003.

The principal executive office of CSAM is 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017. The Administrator has its principal executive office at 383 Madison Avenue, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10179. Credit Suisse Asset Management (Australia) Limited ("CSAM Australia"), located at Level 32, Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place, Sydney, NSW 2000, serves as investment sub-adviser to the Fund.

The Fund's Annual Report containing audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002 has been previously furnished to all shareholders of the Fund. It is not to be regarded as proxy-soliciting material.

If the enclosed Proxy is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked on the Proxy. If no instructions are marked on the Proxy, the Proxy will be voted "FOR" election of the Board's nominee for director and in accordance with the judgment of the persons named in the proxy on any other matters that may properly come before the Meeting and that are deemed appropriate. Any shareholder giving a Proxy has the right to attend the Meeting to vote his or her shares in person (thereby revoking any prior Proxy)

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and also the right to revoke the Proxy at any time by written notice received by the Fund prior to the time it is voted.

A quorum of shareholders is constituted by the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund entitled to vote at the Meeting. In the event that a quorum is not present at the Meeting, the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy will have the power to adjourn the Meeting, without notice other than an announcement at the Meeting, until the requisite number of shares entitled to vote at the Meeting is present. In the event that a quorum is present at the Meeting but sufficient votes to approve any of the proposals are not received, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting to permit further solicitation of Proxies. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Fund's shares represented at the Meeting in person or by proxy and the persons named as proxies will vote those Proxies that they are entitled to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" any such proposal in their discretion. Absent the establishment of a subsequent record date and the giving of notice to the holders of record thereon, the adjourned Meeting must take place not more than 120 days after the record date. At such adjourned Meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original Meeting. If a quorum is present, a shareholder vote may be taken on one or more of the proposals in the Proxy Statement prior to any adjournment if sufficient votes have been received and it is otherwise appropriate. For purposes of

determining the presence of a quorum for transacting business at the Meeting, abstentions and broker "non-votes" (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees indicating that such persons have not received instructions from the beneficial owner or other persons entitled to vote shares on a particular matter with respect to which the brokers or nominees do not have discretionary power) will be treated as shares that are present but which have not been voted.

Approval of Proposal 1 will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Meeting in person or by proxy. Because abstentions and broker non-votes are not treated as shares voted, any abstentions and broker non-votes would have no impact on Proposal 1.

The Fund has one class of shares of capital stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"). On the record date, February 24, 2003, there were 9,164,221 Shares outstanding. Each Share is entitled to one vote at the Meeting, and fractional Shares are entitled to proportionate shares of one vote.

In order that your Shares may be represented at the Meeting, you are requested to:

- indicate your instructions on the Proxy;
- date and sign the Proxy;
- mail the Proxy promptly in the enclosed envelope;
- allow sufficient time for the Proxy to be received and processed on or before 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2003.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

The only proposal to be submitted at the Meeting will be the election of one (1) director of the Fund to hold office for the term set forth below and until his successor is elected and qualified.

The Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of no more than three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class will serve for a three-year term.

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George W. Landau, a director whose current term expires on the date of this Meeting, has been nominated for a three-year term to expire at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Landau currently serves as a director of the Fund.

Mr. Landau has indicated an intention to continue to serve if elected and has consented to being named in this Proxy Statement.

The following tables set forth certain information regarding the nominee for election to the Board, directors whose terms of office continue beyond the Meeting, and the officers of the Fund. The current terms of office of the Fund's officers will end at the Board of Directors' meeting next following the Meeting.

NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) PAST FIVE YE
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INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:

Enrique R. Arzac Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 61	Director	Since 1996; current term ends at the 2004 annual meeting	Professor of and Economic Graduate Sch Business, Co University s 1971
James J. Cattano c/o Primary Resources, Inc. 55 Old Field Point Road Greenwich, Connecticut 06830 Age: 59	Director	Since 1993; current term ends at the 2004 annual meeting	President, P Resources In internationa trading and facturing co specializing sale of agri commodities throughout L American mar since Octobe
George W. Landau Two Grove Isle Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Age: 83	Director	Since 1993; current term ends at the 2003 annual meeting	Senior Advis Latin Americ Coca-Cola Co since 1988
Martin M. Torino Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 53	Director	Since 1993; current term ends at the 2005 annual meeting	Chief Execut Officer and of Celsur Lo S.A. (Logist since 2002; of the Board Ingenio y Re San Martin D Tabacal S.A. sugar refine August 1996

OTHER
 DIRECTORSHIPS
 HELD BY DIRECTOR

NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:

Enrique R. Arzac Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 61	Director of The Adams Express Company (a closed-end investment com- pany); Director of Petroleum and Resources Cor- poration (a closed-end investment company)
James J. Cattano c/o Primary Resources, Inc. 55 Old Field Point Road Greenwich, Connecticut 06830	None

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Age: 59
 George W. Landau Director of
 Two Grove Isle Drive Emigrant Sav-
 Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 ings Bank;
 Age: 83 Director of GAM
 Funds, Inc.

Martin M. Torino None
 Credit Suisse Asset
 Management, LLC
 466 Lexington Avenue
 New York, New York 10017-3140
 Age: 53

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NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) PAST FIVE YE
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INTERESTED DIRECTOR:

William W. Priest, Jr.* Steinberg Priest & Sloane Capital Management 12 East 49th Street 12th Floor New York, New York 10017 Age: 61	Director	Since 1997; current term ends at the 2005 annual meeting	Co-Managing Steinberg Pr Sloane Capit Management s March 2001; and Managing Director of from 2000 to ruary 2001, Executive Of and Managing Director of from 1990 to
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NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTOR
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INTERESTED DIRECTOR:

William W. Priest, Jr.* Steinberg Priest & Sloane Capital Management 12 East 49th Street 12th Floor New York, New York 10017 Age: 61	None
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NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION PAST FIVE YEARS
OFFICERS:			
Laurence R. Smith Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 44	Chairman of the Fund, Chief Executive Officer and President	Since 2002	Managing and Global Investment of CSAM; with JP Investment Management to 1999; other Credit Funds
Hal Liebes, Esq. Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 38	Senior Vice President	Since 1997	Managing and Global Counsel Associate Lehman Brothers Inc. from 1997; As with CSA to 1996; with CS Investment Management to 1995; with Div Enforcement Securities Exchange from 199 Officer Credit S
Yaroslaw Aranowicz Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 39	Chief Investment Officer	Since 2002	Vice Pre CSAM sin 1998; Di Research and the Trans- N Research from 199 1998
Emily Alejos Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 39	Investment Officer	Since 1999	Director since Ja Vice Pre CSAM fro January

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NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	OCCUPATION PAST FIVE YEARS
Michael A. Pignataro Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 43	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary	Since 1993	Director of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC Director of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC Administrator of CSAM; Asst. Manager of CSAM with CSAM since 1984; Officer of other Credit Funds
Rocco A. Del Guercio Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 39	Vice President	Since 1997	Vice President of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC Administrator of CSAM since July 1997 Assistant Secretary of Bankers Trust Co. -- Fidelity Administrator March 1996; Mutual Accountant Supervisor of Corporate April 1994; Officer of other Credit Funds
Robert M. Rizza Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC 466 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017-3140 Age: 37	Treasurer	Since 1999	Assistant Secretary of Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC since January 1999 Administrator of CSAM since March 1999 Officer of CSAM since December 1999 Assistant Secretary of Bankers Trust Co. from April 1999 Officer of other Credit Suisse Funds

* Mr. Priest is an interested person of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), because he provided consulting services to CSAM within the last two years.

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the CSAM Family of Closed-End Investment Companies (as defined below) beneficially owned by each director.

AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL FUNDS OVERSEAS

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NAME OF DIRECTOR -----	DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND* (1) (2) -----	DIRECTOR IN CSAM FAMILY OF CLOSED-END INVESTMENT COMPANIES* (1) (3) -----
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:		
Enrique R. Arzac	C	E
James J. Cattano	B	C
George W. Landau	C	D
Martin M. Torino	B	B
INTERESTED DIRECTOR:		
William W. Priest, Jr.	A	A

* Key to Dollar Ranges:

- A. None
- B. \$1 -- \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 -- \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 -- \$100,000
- E. over \$100,000

- (1) This information has been furnished by each director as of December 31, 2002. "Beneficial Ownership" is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act").
- (2) The Fund's directors and officers, in the aggregate, own less than 1% of the Fund's outstanding equity securities.

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- (3) "CSAM Family of Closed-End Investment Companies" means those registered closed-end investment companies that share CSAM as the investment adviser and that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

As of December 31, 2002, none of the independent nominee for election to the Board of the Fund, the independent directors or their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any class of securities in CSAM or in a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM.

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002, each director who was not a director, officer, partner, co-partner or employee of CSAM, the Administrator or any affiliate thereof, received an annual fee of \$5,000 and \$500 for each meeting of the Board attended by him and was reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with his attendance at the Fund's Board meetings. The total remuneration paid or accrued by the Fund during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002 to all such unaffiliated directors was \$33,500. Each director entitled to a fee from the Fund receives fifty percent of his annual fee in the form of Fund shares purchased by the Fund's transfer agent in the open market on his behalf.

During the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002, the Board convened 7 times.

Each Director attended at least seventy-five percent of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and any committees on which he served during the period for which he was a Director.

Messrs. Arzac, Cattano, Landau and Torino constitute the Fund's Audit Committee, which is composed of directors who are not interested persons of the Fund and who are independent (as such term is defined by the New York Stock Exchange's listing standards). The Audit Committee convened twice during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Fund. The directors constituting the Fund's Audit Committee also constitute the Fund's Nominating Committee, which is composed of directors who are not interested persons of the Fund. The Nominating Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002. The Nominating Committee selects and nominates new independent directors. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders should a vacancy arise. Recommendations should be submitted to the Nominating Committee in care of the Secretary of the Fund. The Fund does not have a compensation committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter adopted by the Board, the Audit Committee is responsible for conferring with the Fund's independent accountants, reviewing annual financial statements and recommending the selection of the Fund's independent accountants. The Audit Committee advises the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Fund. The independent accountants are responsible for planning and carrying out the proper audits and reviews of the Fund's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Audit Committee has met with the Fund's management to discuss, among other things, the Fund's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002. The Audit Committee has also met with the Fund's independent accountants, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), and discussed with them certain matters required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, COMMUNICATIONS WITH AUDIT COMMITTEES, as currently modified or supplemented, including, but not limited to, the scope of

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the Fund's audit, the Fund's financial statements and the Fund's accounting controls. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from PwC required by the SEC's independence rules delineating relationships between the independent accountants and the Fund and the impact that any such relationships may have on the objectivity and independence of the independent accountants. The Audit Committee has discussed with PwC their independence and has considered whether the provision of services by PwC to the Fund and to CSAM, as more fully described below, was compatible with maintaining PwC's independence.

The members of the Audit Committee are not professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not employed by the Fund for accounting, financial management or internal control. Moreover, the Audit Committee relies on and makes no independent verification of the facts presented to it or representations made by management or the independent accountants. Accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and financial reporting principles and policies, or internal controls and procedures, designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not provide assurance that

the audit of the Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based upon these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Fund's 2002 Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended November 30, 2002 and be mailed to shareholders and filed with the SEC.

SUBMITTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Enrique R. Arzac
 James J. Cattano
 George W. Landau
 Martin M. Torino

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

At a meeting held on December 13, 2002, the Board, including the independent directors, approved the selection of PwC for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2003. PwC has been the Fund's independent accountants since the Fund commenced operations, and has informed the Fund that it has no material direct or indirect financial interest in the Fund. A representative of PwC will be available by telephone at the Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if the representative so desires and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

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The following table shows the aggregate fees PwC billed to the Fund, to CSAM and to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with CSAM that provides services to the Fund for their professional services rendered for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002.

	FUND	CSAM AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES
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Audit Fees	\$46,600	\$ 0
Financial Information Systems Design and Implementation Fees	0	0
All Other Fees	8,200*	703,000**

* Fees relate to tax services in connection with review of excise tax calculations and review and signing of applicable tax returns.

** Fees are comprised of: (1) \$323,000 in connection with expatriate tax consulting services, (2) \$130,000 in connection with other tax related services and (3) \$250,000 in connection with financial statement audits.

COMPENSATION

The following table shows certain compensation information for the directors for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002. All officers of the Fund are employees of and are compensated by CSAM. None of the Fund's executive officers or directors who are also officers or directors of CSAM received any

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compensation from the Fund for such period. The Fund has no bonus, profit sharing, pension or retirement plans.

NAME OF DIRECTOR -----	AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FROM FUND -----	TOTAL COMPENSATION FROM FUND AND FUND COMPLEX PAID TO DIRECTORS* -----
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:		
Enrique R. Arzac	\$8,500	\$68,250
James J. Cattano	8,500	25,500
George W. Laudau	8,500	29,500
Martin M. Torino	8,000	16,500
INTERESTED DIRECTORS:		
James P. McCaughan**	0	0
William W. Priest, Jr.	0	0
Richard W. Watt***	0	0

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- * 60 funds comprise the Fund Complex. See the "Directors" table for the number of funds each director serves.
 - ** Effective February 22, 2002, Mr. McCaughan resigned as a Director.
 - *** Effective January 17, 2003, Mr. Watt resigned as a Director.

THE FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE FUND'S NOMINEE FOR DIRECTOR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table shows certain information concerning persons who may be deemed beneficial owners of 5% or more of the Shares of the Fund because they possessed or shared voting or investment power with respect to the Shares:

NAME AND ADDRESS -----	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED -----	PERCENT OF SHARES -----
Lazard Freres & Co., LLC* 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10020	1,180,518	11.0%
President and Fellows of Harvard College** c/o Harvard Management Company, Inc. 600 Atlantic Avenue Boston, MA 02210	739,328	8.1%

* As stated in Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 18, 2003.

** As stated in Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 12, 2003.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act require the Fund's officers and directors, certain officers and directors of the investment adviser, affiliated persons of the investment adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Fund's Shares to file reports of ownership with the SEC and the Fund. Based solely upon their review of the copies of such forms received by it and written representations from such persons, the Fund believes that, for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002, the following required report was filed late or not filed with respect to the officers of the Fund:

Laurence R. Smith: A Form 3 was not timely filed to report his appointment as Chairman of the Fund on May 13, 2002. A Form 5 was filed on January 14, 2003 to report this event.

SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that for a shareholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Fund's proxy material relating to its 2004 annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholder proposal must be received by the Fund no later than November 7, 2003. The shareholder proposal, including any accompanying supporting statement, may not exceed 500 words. A shareholder desiring to submit a proposal must be a record or beneficial owner of Shares with a market value of \$2,000 and must have held such Shares for at least one year. Further, the shareholder must continue to hold such Shares through the date on which the meeting is held. Documentary support regarding the foregoing must be provided along with the proposal. There are additional requirements regarding proposals of shareholders, and a shareholder contemplating submission of a proposal is referred to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the 1934 Act. The timely submission of a proposal does not guarantee its inclusion in the Fund's proxy materials.

Pursuant to the By-laws of the Fund, at any annual meeting of the shareholders, only such business will be conducted as has been properly brought before the annual meeting. To be properly brought before the annual meeting, the business must be (i) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto)

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given by or at the direction of the Board, (ii) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board, or (iii) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a shareholder.

For business to be properly brought before the annual meeting by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Fund. To be timely, any such notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc. c/o Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017 not later than 45 days before the date in the then current year corresponding to the date on which the Fund first mailed its notice and proxy materials for the annual meeting held in the prior year; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by such shareholder to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice or public announcement of the date of such meeting was given or made. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment of an annual meeting commence a new time period for the giving of a shareholder's notice as described above.

Any such notice by a shareholder shall set forth as to each matter the shareholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (ii) the name and address, as they appear on the Fund's books, of the shareholder proposing such business, (iii) the class and number of shares of the capital stock of the Fund which are beneficially owned by the shareholder, (iv) a representation that the shareholder is a holder of record of shares of the Fund entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to present such business, (v) whether the shareholder intends or is part of a group which intends to solicit proxies from other shareholders in support of such business and (vi) any material interest of the shareholder in such business.

The Fund may exercise discretionary voting authority with respect to any shareholder proposals for the 2004 annual meeting of shareholders not included in the proxy statement and form of proxy which are not submitted to the Fund within the time-frame indicated above. Even if timely notice is received, the Fund may exercise discretionary voting authority in certain other circumstances. Discretionary voting authority is the ability to vote proxies that shareholders have executed and returned to the Fund on matters not specifically reflected on the form of proxy.

SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO BE PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR SHARES VOTED ARE REQUESTED TO DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

OTHER BUSINESS

Management knows of no business to be presented at the Meeting, other than the matters set forth in this Proxy Statement, but should any other matter requiring the vote of shareholders arise, the proxies will vote thereon according to their best judgment in the interests of the Fund.

THE FUND WILL FURNISH, WITHOUT CHARGE, A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT AND ANY MORE RECENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO A SHAREHOLDER UPON REQUEST. ANY SUCH REQUEST SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FUND BY CALLING 1-800-293-1232, BY WRITING TO THE EMERGING MARKETS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND, INC. C/O CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC AT 466 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 16TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, OR AT THE FUND'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CEFSOURCE.COM. THESE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT.

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THE EMERGING MARKETS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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MARCH 27, 2003

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16th Floor
New York, New York 10017

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I hereby appoint Michael A. Pignataro and Hal Liebes, each with the power of substitution, as proxies for the undersigned to vote the shares of The Emerging Markets Telecommunications Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") as to which I am entitled to vote, as shown on the reverse side, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund (the "Meeting") to be held on Thursday, March 27, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of the Fund, 466 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10017, and any adjournments thereof.

[REVERSE SIDE]

PLEASE MARK VOTES
AS IN THIS EXAMPLE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FUND UNANIMOUSLY
RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 1.

THIS PROXY WHEN
PROPERLY EXECUTED
WILL BE VOTED IN THE
MANNER DIRECTED
HEREIN BY THE
UNDERSIGNED
SHAREHOLDER. IF NO
DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS
PROXY WILL BE VOTED
"FOR" PROPOSAL 1.

- 1) Election of the following nominee as Director:
Nominee: (01) George W. Laudau (three-year term)
- FOR the nominee listed above (except as marked
to the contrary above)
- WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for the nominee
listed above
- (INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority for any
individual nominee, strike a line through such
individual's name above.)
- 2) To transact such other business as may properly
come before the Meeting or any adjournment
thereof.

MARK HERE FOR ADDRESS CHANGE AND NOTE AT LEFT

Please sign exactly as name appears at left. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by president or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

DETACH CARD