

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
August 04, 2008

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the month of August, 2008**

**Commission File Number 1-14732**

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**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**National Steel Company**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima 3400, 20º andar  
São Paulo, SP, Brazil  
04538-132**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports  
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby  
furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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**NOTICE TO THE MARKET**  
**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

Rua São José n° 20, Grupo 1602, parte

Rio de Janeiro/RJ

Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF): 33.042.730/0001-04

The Board of Directors of COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL authorized the acquisition of up to 10,800,000 Company s shares to be held in treasury for subsequent sale or cancellation.

The acquisition shall obey the following limits and conditions, pursuant to CVM Instruction 10/80:

**I The Company s objective:** to maximize the creation of shareholder value through efficient capital structure management.

**II Number of shares to be acquired:** up to 10,800,000 shares.

**III Maximum term for the completion of the authorized operations:** from August 4, 2008, inclusive, to August 27, 2008.

**IV Number of shares outstanding:** 455,343,843

**V Acquisition location:** Stock Exchange

**VI Maximum share price:** the share acquisition price cannot exceed its stock market price.

**VII - Brokers:** Itaú Corretora de Valores S.A., located at Av. Engenheiro Armando de Arruda Pereira, 707 -15° andar- in the city of São Paulo, UBS Pactual Corretora de Mercadorias Ltda., located at Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 3729 10° andar in the city of São Paulo, Credit Suisse First Boston CTVM S.A., located at Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima 3064 13° andar- in the city of São Paulo, and Itaú USA Securities Inc., located at 540 Madison Avenue - 23rd Floor- in New York city.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional**  
Otávio de Garcia Lazcano  
Investor Relations Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 4, 2008

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

By:           /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch          

**Benjamin Steinbruch  
Chief Executive Officer**

By:           /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano          

**Otávio de Garcia Lazcano  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Investor Relations Officer**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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