

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
March 21, 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 March, 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.

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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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**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL, HELD ON MARCH 20, 2008, DRAWN UP IN SUMMARY FORMAT.**

Corporate Registry (NIRE): 33300011595

**Date:** March 20, 2008.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 3400 20º andar, São Paulo, SP.

**Attendance:** Benjamin Steinbruch, Jacks Rabinovich, Antonio Francisco dos Santos, Yoshiaki Nakano, Dionísio Dias Carneiro, Mauro Molchansky, Darc Antonio da Luz Costa, Fernando Perrone and Claudia Maria Sarti (Secretary).

**Agenda: 6.1 Company shares** The Board of Directors ( Board ) unanimously approved the acquisition of up to 10,800,000 Company shares to be held in treasury for subsequent sale or cancellation, pursuant to article 3 of CVM Instruction 10/80, via transactions on the São Paulo Stock Exchange (BOVESPA), using the following brokers: Itaú Corretora de Valores S.A., Pactual CTVM S.A. and Credit Suisse First Boston CTVM S.A. The maximum term for the realization of the transactions is April 28, 2008. The acquisition price of the shares may not exceed their stock market price. Pursuant to article 5 of CVM Instruction 10 of February 14, 1980, the number of shares outstanding is 455,343,843. The Company s objective is to maximize the creation of shareholder value through efficient capital structure management. The Board will implement the resolution adopted herein. This is a free translation of the original filed at the Company s headquarters.

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

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Claudia Maria Sarti  
Secretary

**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: March 20, 2008

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

By:           /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch          

**Benjamin Steinbruch**  
**Chief Executive Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

By:           /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano          

**Otávio de Garcia Lazcano**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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