

NATIONAL STEEL CO
Form 6-K
May 26, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 May, 2005

Commission File Number 1-14732

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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RELEVANT FACT
COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL
Rua São José, nº 20, Grupo 1602, parte
Rio de Janeiro/RJ
CNPJ nº 33.042.730/0001-04

The Board of Directors of COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL authorized, on this date, (i) the cancellation of 14,849,099 shares currently held in treasury, in order to liquidate the shares of the Company held in treasury; and (ii) the acquisition of up to 15,000,000 shares issued by the Company, in order to be held in treasury and to be further sold or cancelled.

This acquisition shall observe the following limits and conditions, according with the provisions of Instrução CVM nº 10/80:

I- Purpose of the Company in the transaction: to maximize the shareholders value by means of an efficient management of the capital structure.

II- Quantity of shares to be acquired: up to 15,000,000 shares.

III- Deadline for the performance of the authorized transactions: May 26, 2006.

IV- Quantity of shares currently negotiated at the market: 155,781,281.

V- Place of Acquisitions: São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo - BOVESPA).

VI- Maximum Price of the Shares: the acquisition price of the shares shall not exceed its own quotation at the stock exchange.

VII- Brokerage Firms: Itaú Corretora de Valores S.A., Pactual CTVM S.A. and Credit Suisse First Boston CTVM S.A.

Rio de Janeiro, May 25, 2005.

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional
Lauro Henrique Campos Rezende
Executive Officer of Investor Relations

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: May 25, 2005

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Lauro Henrique Rezende

Lauro Henrique Rezende
Investments Executive
Officer

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