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FORM 6-K
U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

dated October 29, 2002

Commission File Number 1-14878

GERDAU S.A. (Exact Name as Specified in its Charter)

N/A (Translation of Registrant's Name)

Av. Farrapos 1811
Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul - Brazil CEP 90220-005
(Address of principal executive offices)

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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Yes No X

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

Date: October 29, 2002

GERDAU S.A.

By:/s/ Osvaldo Burgos Schirmer

Name: Osvaldo Burgos Schirmer Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
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7	Press release, October 28, 2002