

NATIONAL STEEL CO
Form 6-K
March 21, 2008

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 March, 2008

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

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

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

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