

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
January 16, 2004

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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 January, 2004**

**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)

**Rua Lauro Muller, 116 - sala 3702**

**Rio de Janeiro, RJ**

**Federative Republic of Brazil**

(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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**Excerpt Of Minute Of A Special Meeting Of The Board Of Directors Of Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional, Held On January 14, 2004, Prepared In A Summarized Format**

**NIRE: 33.300.011.595**

**1. Date:** January 14, 2004.

**2. Time:** 10:30 A.M.

**3. Place:** Av. Juscelino Kubitschek, no. 1830, Torre I, 14th floor, São Paulo, SP.

**4. Participants:** Benjamin Steinbruch (President), Jacks Rabinovich, Antonio Francisco dos Santos, Dionísio Dias Carneiro Netto, Edmar Lisboa Bacha, Fernando Perrone, Mauro Molchansky and Felipe Ha Jong Kim (General Secretary).

**6. Agenda: 6.1 Note Issuance** The Board of Directors approved: (i) the issue of Notes by the subsidiary CSN Islands VIII Corp., in the amount of US\$200,000,000.00, at an interest rate of 9.75 per cent per year, with coordination by Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Banco Itaú BBA S/A, with fees of 0.4%, which shall the issue of US\$350,000,000.00 Notes effected on 12/23/2003, totaling US\$550,000,000.00 for the period of 10 years (September 2013); (ii) the provision of pledge by the Company, in the issue of the CSN Islands VIII Corp. Notes; (iii) the supplementary issue of Notes, by the Company, in an amount in yens equivalent to US\$200,000,000.00, which shall integrate the issue of 37,310,000,000.00-yen Notes, for the period of 10 years (December 2013), at the maximum interest rate of 9.75 per cent per year; (iv) that the members of the executive board should take all actions necessary to execute each instrument associated with such issues, including but not limited to warranty provision. Subsequently, the Board of Directors approved, according to the rules of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the hiring of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for the provision of any services eventually necessary to the issuance of such Notes, including but not limited to the Offering Memorandum Supplement and the issue of a Comfort Letter authorizing the members of the Executive Board, either individually or jointly, to negotiate, contract and sign each and every document associated with such hiring. I certify that the deliberations herein transcribed are faithful to the original minutes filed at the Company headquarters.

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

**Felipe Ha Jong Kim**

**Secretary-General of the Board of Directors**

**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: January 16, 2004

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By:           /s/ Otavio de Garcia Lazcano          

**Otavio de Garcia Lazcano**  
**Principal Financial Officer**

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