

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
December 22, 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 December, 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.

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 n° 20, Grupo 1602  
Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CNPJ n° 33.042.730/0001-04

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL approved on this date, new buy back of its common shares, as of December 22, 2004, in order to remain in treasury and subsequent sale or cancellation.

Such buy back shall be in compliance with the following terms and conditions, pursuant to CVM Instruction No. 10/80:

- I. Amount of the Shares of the Buy Back:** up to 5,000,000 common shares.
- II. Term:** 180-day period, as of December 22, 2004, terminating on June 19, 2005.
- III. Amount of the Free Float (excluding the shares held by the controlling shareholder):** 153,568,682.
- IV. Amount of the Shares in Treasury:** 10,023,599.
- V. Place of the Buy Back:** Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo - BOVESPA ("Bovespa").
- VI. Maximum Price of the Shares:** the purchase price of the common shares shall not be higher than its market price in Bovespa.
- VII. Stock Brokers:** Itaú S.A. Corretora de Valores S.A., Pactual CTVM S.A. and Credit Suisse First Boston CTVM S.A.

Rio de Janeiro, December 21, 2004.

**Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional**  
Lauro Henrique Campos Rezende  
Investments and Investor Relations Executive Officer

**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: December 21, 2004

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By:           /s/ Lauro Henrique Rezende          

**Lauro Henrique Rezende**  
**Investments Executive**  
**Officer**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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