

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
December 30, 2008

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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, 2008**

**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)

**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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**STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACT**  
**COMPANHIA SIDERURGICA NACIONAL**  
Rua São José No. 20, Grupo 1602, parte  
Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CNPJ No. 33.042.730/0001 -04

COMPANHIA SIDERURGICA NACIONAL ("CSN" - BOVESPA: CSNA3; NYSE: SID), is pleased to inform its respective shareholders and market participants that, in addition to the Notice to the Market dated as of November 4, 2008 and to the Material Facts dated as of September 29, 2008, October 17, 2008, October 21, 2008 and December 18, 2008, in connection with the strategic partnership regarding Nacional Minérios S.A. ("NAMISA"), the following:

1. On the date hereof, it was closed the acquisition, by Big Jump Energy Participações S.A. ("BIG JUMP"), a corporation whose shareholders are ITOCHU Corporation, JFE Steel Corporation, Nippon Steel Corporation, Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., Kobe Steel, Ltd, Nisshin Steel Co, Ltd., and POSCO, of 40% of the voting and total capital stock of NAMISA, a subsidiary of CSN, for the aggregate amount of approximately US\$3.08 billion. Approximately US\$3.04 billion out of such amount were used by BIG JUMP to pay in shares subscribed by BIG JUMP in a capital increase of NAMISA upon issuance of new shares.
2. The amounts received by NAMISA were used as payment to certain amounts owed to CSN, in connection with the future sales of crude iron ore (*run of mine*) and the rendering of port services agreements entered into by CSN and NAMISA, and according to the terms thereto. All agreements were negotiated on an arms-length basis.
3. The difference between the transaction amount announced on the statement of material fact dated October 21, 2008, of US\$3.12 billion, and the amount actually paid by BIG JUMP is a result of balance sheet adjustments of NAMISA, contractually established.
4. CSN maintained 60% of NAMISA's voting and total capital.

Rio de Janeiro, December 30, 2008  
Otávio de Garcia Lazcano  
Investor Relations 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 30, 2008

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

By:           /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch          

**Benjamin Steinbruch**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

By:           /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano          

**Otávio de Garcia Lazcano**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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