

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
December 22, 2006

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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 under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the month of December, 2006**

**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 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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant 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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**EXHIBIT LIST**

ExhibitDescription

No.

99.1 Press release dated December 20, 2006

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**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, 2006

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Otávio de Garcia  
Lazcano  
**Otávio de Garcia**  
**Lazcano**  
**Financial Director**

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