

GERDAU SA  
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Registration No. 333-9896

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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POST EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE  
FORM F-6  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
under  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933  
For Depository Shares Evidenced by American Depositary Receipts  
for Preferred Shares, without Par Value

of

**GERDAU S.A.**

(Exact name of issuer of deposited securities as specified in its charter)

**N/A**

(Translation of issuer's name into English)

**BRAZIL**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization of issuer)

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK**

(Exact name of depository as specified in its charter)

One Wall Street New York, N.Y 10286

(212) 495-1727

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of depository's principal executive offices)

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**Timothy F. Keaney**

**The Bank of New York  
101 Barclay Street, 22nd Floor**

**New York, New York, 10286**

**(212) 815-2129**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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It is proposed that this filing become effective under Rule 466

immediately upon filing

on May 7, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

If a separate registration statement has been filed to register the deposited shares, check the following box.

Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act of 1933, the Prospectus contained herein also relates to the Depositary Shares of the registrant covered by a previous Registration Statement on Form F-6 of the registrant (Regis. No. 333-7522).

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The prospectus consists of the proposed revised form of American Depositary Receipt included as Exhibit A to the form of Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement filed as Exhibit 1 to this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement which is incorporated herein by reference.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item - 1.

Description of Securities to be Registered

Cross Reference Sheet

<u>Item Number and Caption</u>	<u>Location in Form of Receipt Filed Herewith as Prospectus</u>
1. Name and address of depository	Introductory Article
2. Title of American Depositary Receipts and identity of Face of Receipt, top center deposited securities	
Terms of Deposit:	
(i) The amount of deposited securities represented by one unit of Face of Receipt, upper right American Depositary Receipts	corner
(ii) The procedure for voting, if any, the deposited securities	Articles number 15, 16 and 18
(iii) The collection and distribution of dividends	Articles number 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18
(iv) The transmission of notices, reports and proxy soliciting material	Articles number 11, 15, 16 and 18
(v) The sale or exercise of rights	Articles number 13, 14, 15 and 18
(vi) The deposit or sale of securities resulting from dividends, splits or plans of reorganization	Articles number 12, 13, 15, 17 and 18
(vii) Amendment, extension or termination of the deposit agreement	Articles number 20 and 21
(viii) Rights of holders of Receipts to inspect the transfer books of the depository and the list of holders of Receipts	Article number 11
(ix) Restrictions upon the right to deposit or withdraw the underlying securities	Articles number 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 22
(x) Limitation upon the liability of the depository	Articles number 14, 18, 19 and 21

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3. Fees and Charges

Articles number 7 and 8

Item - 2.

Available Information

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item - 3.

Exhibits

a.

Form of Deposit Agreement dated as of September 18, 1997, as amended and restated as of March 8, 1999, and as further amended and restated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, among Gerdau S.A., The Bank of New York as Depositary, and all Owners and Beneficial Owners from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder. - Filed herewith as Exhibit 1.

b.

Form of letter Agreement between Gerdau S.A. and The Bank of New York relating to the pre-release of ADRs. Previously filed.

c.

Every material contract relating to the deposited securities between the Depositary and the issuer of the deposited securities in effect at any time within the last three years. - See (a) and (b) above.

d.

Opinion of Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel for the Depositary, as to legality of the securities to be registered. - Previously Filed.

e.

Certification under Rule 466. - Filed herewith as Exhibit 5.

Item - 4.

Undertakings

Previously Filed.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that all the requirements for filing on Form F-6 are met and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, May 6, 2003.

Legal entity created by the agreement for the issuance of American Depositary Receipts for Preferred Shares, without Par Value, of Gerdau S.A..

By:

The Bank of New York,  
As Depositary

By: /s/ ANTHONY MORO

Name: Anthony Moro

Title: Vice President

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Company has caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized, in Porto Alegre, Brazil on May 6, 2003.

**GERDAU S.A.**

By: /s/ FREDERICO C.G. JOHANNPETER

Name: Frederico C.G. Johannpeter

Title: Vice-President Director

By:

/s/ OSVALDO BURGOS SCHIRMER

Name: Osvaldo Burgos Schirmer

Title: Vice-President Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on May 6, 2003.

/s/ JORGE GERDAU JOHANNPETER

Name: Jorge Gerdau Johannpeter

Director and Principal Executive Officer and

Chairman of the Board

/s/ ROSS KAUFMAN

Name: Ross Kaufman

Authorized U.S. Representative

/s/ GERALDO TOFFANELLO

Name: Geraldo Toffanello

Principal Accounting Officer

/s/ GERMANO GERDAU JOHANNPETER

Name: Germano Gerdau Johannpeter

Director and Vice-Chairman

/s/ OSVALDO BURGOS SCHIRMER

Name: Osvaldo Burgos Schirmer

Principal Financial Officer

/s/ KLAUS GERDAU JOHANNPETER

Name: Klaus Gerdau Johannpeter

Director and Vice-Chairman

/s/ FREDERICO GERDAU JOHANNPETER

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Name: Frederico Gerdau Johannpeter

Director and Vice-Chairman

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Name: Affonso Celso Pastore

Director

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Name: Oscar de Paula Bernardes Neto

Director

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Name: André Pinheiro de Lara Resende

Director

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Beneficial Owners from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder.

- 2 Previously filed.
- 4 Previously filed.
- 5 Certification under Rule 466.