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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 May, 2003**

**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)

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Independent Accountants Special Review Report

To the Stockholders and Management of Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional Rio de Janeiro RJ

1. We have conducted a special review on the quarterly report (ITRs) of COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL (a Brazilian corporation), which includes the individual (Parent Company) and consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2003, the related statements of income, the performance report and the relevant information for the quarter then ended, presented in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil, prepared under the responsibility of the Company's management.
2. Our review was conducted in accordance with specific standards established by the Brazilian Institute of Accountants - IBRACON, together with the Federal Accounting Council (CFC), and mainly comprised: (a) inquiries and discussions with the Company's management responsible for the accounting, financial and operating areas as to the principal criteria adopted in the preparation of the quarterly information; and (b) review of the information and subsequent events that had or may have significant effects on the Company's financial position and operations.
3. As described in note 13 to the quarterly financial information, the Company, its affiliate MRS Logística S.A. and its subsidiary GalvaSud S.A. elected to defer net losses arising from exchange rate changes in year 2001, in conformity with Provisional Measure No. 3/2001 and Deliberations no. 404/2001 and 409/2001 from Comissão de Valores Mobiliários - CVM. Accounting practices adopted in Brazil, require the recognition in income of the effects of exchange rate changes during the period in which they occurred. As a result, as of March 31, 2003, stockholders' equity is overstated by approximately R\$134,718 thousand (R\$157,647 thousand as of December 31, 2002), and the net profit for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 is understated by approximately R\$22,929 thousand, (net loss for the quarter ended on March 31, 2002 was overstated by approximately R\$221,587 thousand) net of fiscal effects.
4. Based on our special review, except for the effects of the matter mentioned in paragraph (3), we are not aware of any material modification that should be made to the quarterly report referred to in paragraph (1) above for it to be in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil, applied in compliance with the standards laid down by CVM (Brazilian Securities Commission), specifically applicable to the preparation of the quarterly information.
5. As described in note 21 to the quarterly information, as of March 31, 2003, the Company and its affiliates recorded, under current assets, accounts receivable in the amount of R\$312,903 thousand, related to energy sales transactions carried out in the Wholesale Energy Market - MAE based on evaluations made and disclosed by MAE and/or on estimates prepared by the Company's management, in the absence of such information

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by MAE. This amount may be subject to alteration, depending on the outcome of current judicial processes, filed by agents of the electric energy market, with respect of the interpretation of market regulations in effect. The success of this negotiation and its settlement depend on the agent s financial capacity to meet their commitments.

6. The individual and consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2002 presented for comparative purposes, were audited by us, and our report, dated February 26, 2003 included qualification with respect to the deferral of net negative exchange variations in the first quarter of 1999, and for the year 2001. The individual and consolidated statements of income in the quarter ended March 31, 2002, presented for comparative purposes, were reviewed by other independent accountants, whose report, dated May 8, 2002, contains qualification with respect to the deferral of net negative exchange variations in the first quarter of 1999 and in the year 2001, and also with respect to the division of responsibility with other independent accountants, that reviewed the financial statements of affiliates, subsidiaries and joint subsidiaries.
7. Our special review was conducted for the purpose of issuing a report on the quarterly information referred to in paragraph (1) above, taken as a whole. The Supplementary Information related to the Value-added Statement, presented in note 24, to the Statement of Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (Ebitda) in note 25, and to the Statements of Changes in Financial Position and of Cash Flows presented in Attachment 16.01 to the quarterly information are presented for the purposes of allowing additional analyzes and are not required as part of the basic quarterly report. These information were reviewed according with the review procedures mentioned in paragraph (2) above, and based on our special review, are fairly stated, in all material aspects, in relation to the Quarterly Information taken as a whole.
8. The accompanying financial statements have been translated into English for the convenience of readers outside Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, May 2, 2003

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(Translation of the report originally issued in Portuguese.  
See Note 29 to the financial statements)

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QUARTERLY INFORMATION ITR  
COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRY & OTHER TYPES OF COMPANY  
01.01 - IDENTIFICATION

CORPORATE LAW  
Date 03/31/2003

1 - CVM CODE                      2 - NAME OF COMPANY                      3 - TAX PAYER  
00403-0                              COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL                      33.042.730/0001-04

02.01 - BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2000
1	TOTAL ASSETS	17,669,434	17,312,38
1.01	CURRENT ASSETS	4,374,028	4,257,34
1.01.01	CASH AND BANKS	46,854	31,04
1.01.01.01	BANKS	46,854	31,04
1.01.02	CREDITS	1,496,633	1,715,37
1.01.02.01	TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - DOMESTIC MARKET	723,819	894,44
1.01.02.02	TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - EXPORT MARKET	858,144	905,68
1.01.02.03	ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	(85,330)	(84,75)
1.01.03	INVENTORIES	582,338	484,91
1.01.03.01	FINISHED PRODUCTS	149,916	95,20
1.01.03.02	PRODUCTS IN PROCESS	105,967	72,40
1.01.03.03	RAW MATERIAL	144,943	128,86
1.01.03.04	SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	169,044	166,61
1.01.03.05	IMPORTS IN TRANSIT	1,772	10,33
1.01.03.06	MATERIALS IN TRANSIT	10,696	11,48
1.01.04	OTHER	2,248,203	2,026,00
1.01.04.01	MARKETABLE SECURITIES	1,513,033	1,251,12
1.01.04.02	WITHHOLDING INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OFFSET	83,561	107,01
1.01.04.03	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	220,064	231,49
1.01.04.04	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	50,334	54,44
1.01.04.05	DIVIDENDS RECEIVABLE	174,835	247,97
1.01.04.06	OTHER	206,376	133,94
1.02	LONG-TERM ASSETS	1,426,134	1,597,71
1.02.01	CREDITS	55,054	54,37
1.02.01.01	COMPULSORY LOANS - ELETROBRÁS	55,054	54,37
1.02.02	CREDITS WITH RELATED PARTIES	93,615	91,87
1.02.02.01	AFFILIATES	0	
1.02.02.02	SUBSIDIARIES	93,615	91,87
1.02.02.03	OTHER RELATED PARTIES	0	
1.02.03	OTHER	1,277,465	1,451,46
1.02.03.01	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	257,586	360,39
1.02.03.02	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	69,272	108,22
1.02.03.03	JUDICIAL DEPOSITS	442,261	433,34
1.02.03.04	SECURITIES RECEIVABLE	52,181	50,80
1.02.03.05	DEBENTURE	107,673	107,67
1.02.03.06	RECOVERABLE PIS / PASEP	50,850	49,39
1.02.03.07	LEASES	29,973	30,44
1.02.03.08	INVESTMENT AVAILABLE FOR SALE	199,385	237,71
1.02.03.09	OTHER	68,284	73,47
1.03	PERMANENT ASSETS	11,869,272	11,457,32
1.03.01	INVESTMENTS	2,893,498	2,853,03

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### 02.01 - BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE .	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2004	4 -12/31/2003
1.03.01.01	IN AFFILIATES	0	
1.03.01.02	IN SUBSIDIARIES	2,893,498	2,853,03
1.03.01.03	OTHER INVESTMENTS	0	
1.03.02 ..	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	8,564,578	8,194,06
1.03.02.01	IN NET OPERATION	7,954,776	8,054,33
1.03.02.02	CONSTRUCTION	518,183	48,36
1.03.02.03	LANDS	91,619	91,36
1.03.03 ..	DEFERRED CHARGES	411,196	410,22

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### 02.02 BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE ....	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2002
2	TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,669,434	17,312,
2.01	CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,965,975	3,443,
2.01.01 .....	LOANS AND FINANCING	2,406,148	1,685,
2.01.02 .....	DEBENTURES	29,067	106,
2.01.03 .....	SUPPLIERS	586,700	655,
2.01.04 .....	TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS	324,732	353,
2.01.04.01 ..	SALARIES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	76,943	67,
2.01.04.02 ..	TAXES PAYABLE	143,136	183,
2.01.04.03 ..	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	76,951	75,
2.01.04.04 ..	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	27,702	27,
2.01.05 .....	DIVIDENDS PAYABLE	293,623	293,
2.01.05.01 ..	PROPOSED DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	293,623	293,
2.01.06 .....	PROVISIONS	6,509	7,
2.01.06.01 ..	LABOR, CIVIL AND TAX	6,509	7,
2.01.07 .....	DEBT WITH RELATED PARTIES	0	
2.01.08 .....	OTHER	319,196	342,
2.01.08.01 ..	ACCOUNTS PAYBLE AFFILIATED COMPANY	189,529	143,
2.01.08.02 ..	DERIVATIVES PAYABLE ACCOUNTS	0	34,
2.01.08.03 ..	OTHER	129,667	163,
2.02	LONGTERM LIABILITIES	8,389,198	8,960,
2.02.01 .....	LOANS AND FINANCING	4,559,212	5,103,
2.02.02 .....	DEBENTURES	666,550	666,
2.02.03 .....	PROVISIONS	1,636,824	1,743,
2.02.03.01 ..	LABOR, CIVIL, FISCAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL	74,091	67,
2.02.03.02 ..	FOR INCOME TAX IN JUDGE	59,866	125,
2.02.03.03 ..	FOR SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION IN JUDGE	44,333	93,
2.02.03.04 ..	OTHER TAX IN JUDGE	206,408	205,
2.02.03.05 ..	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	920,681	920,
2.02.03.06 ..	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	331,445	331,
2.02.04 .....	DEBT WITH RELATED PARTIES	1,110,842	1,159,
2.02.05 .....	OTHER	415,770	287,
2.02.05.01 ..	PROVISION FOR INVESTMENT DEVALUATION	44,278	37,
2.02.05.02 ..	OTHER	371,492	250,
2.03	DEFERRED INCOME	0	
2.05	STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,314,261	4,908,
2.05.01 .....	PAIDIN CAPITAL	1,680,947	1,680,
2.05.02 .....	CAPITAL RESERVES	10,485	10,
2.05.03 .....	REVALUATION RESERVES	2,485,361	2,514,
2.05.03.01 ..	OWN ASSETS	2,485,361	2,514,

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2.05.03.02 ..	SUBSIDIARIES/AFFILIATES	0	
2.05.04 .....	REVENUE RESERVES	702,588	702,

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### 02.02 - BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1- CODE .....	2- DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2003
2.05.04.01 ..	LEGAL	196,449	196,
2.05.04.02 ..	STATUTORY	0	
2.05.04.03 ..	FOR CONTINGENCIES	0	
2.05.04.04 ..	UNREALIZED INCOME	0	
2.05.04.05 ..	PROFIT RETENTIONS	0	
2.05.04.06 ..	SPECIAL FOR NONDISTRIBUTED DIVIDENDS	0	
2.05.04.07 ..	OTHER PROFIT RESERVES	506,139	506,
2.05.04.07.01	FOR INVESTMENTS	506,139	506,
2.05.05 .....	RETAINED EARNINGS	434,880	

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### 03.01 - STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 - 01/01/2003 TO 03/31/2003	4 - TO
3.01	GROSS REVENUE FROM SALES AND SERVICES	1,645,432	
3.02	DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS REVENUE	(253,398)	
3.03	NET REVENUE FROM SALES AND SERVICES	1,392,034	
3.04	COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES SOLD	(699,744)	
3.04.01	DEPRECIATION, DEPLETION AND AMORTIZATION	(117,652)	
3.04.02	OTHER	(582,092)	
3.05	GROSS PROFIT	692,290	
3.06	OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	(142,635)	
3.06.01	SELLING	(47,604)	
3.06.01.01	DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	(1,519)	
3.06.01.02	OTHER	(46,085)	
3.06.02	GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	(52,697)	
3.06.02.01	DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	(5,570)	
3.06.02.02	OTHER	(47,127)	
3.06.03	FINANCIAL	(319,615)	
3.06.03.01	FINANCIAL INCOME	(137,282)	
3.06.03.01.01	EXCHANGE VARIATION AMORTIZATION	0	
3.06.03.01.02	OTHER	(137,282)	
3.06.03.02	FINANCIAL EXPENSES	(182,333)	
3.06.04	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	24,951	
3.06.05	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	303,639	
3.06.05.01	FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONETARY LOSS, NET	337,712	
3.06.05.02	AMORTIZATION OF SPECIAL EXCHANGE VARIATION	(34,073)	
3.06.05.03	OTHER	0	
3.06.06	EQUITY IN RESULTS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES	(51,309)	
3.07	OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	549,655	
3.08	NON-OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(5,401)	

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### 03.01 - STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 - 01/01/2003 TO 03/31/2003	4 - 01/01 TO 03/31
3.08.01	INCOME	19	
3.08.02	EXPENSES	(5,420)	(5,
3.09	INCOME BEFORE TAXES AND PARTICIPATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS	544,254	544,
3.10	PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	44,589	44,
3.11	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	(182,811)	(182,
3.11.01	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	(132,990)	(132,
3.11.02	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	(49,821)	(49,
3.12	STATUTORY PARTICIPATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS	0	
3.12.01	PARTICIPATIONS	0	
3.12.02	CONTRIBUTIONS	0	
3.13	REVERSAL OF INTEREST ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	0	
3.15	NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	406,032	406,
	OUTSTANDING SHARES (THOUSANDS)	71,729,261	71,729,
	EARNINGS PER SHARE (R\$)	0.00566	0.0056
	LOSS PER SHARE (R\$)		

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### 04.01 NOTES TO THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(In thousands of reais, except as otherwise indicated)

#### 1. OPERATING CONTEXT

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional ("CSN") is engaged in the production of flat steel products, and has as main industrial complex being the Presidente Vargas Mill in the City of Volta Redonda, State of Rio de Janeiro, Southeast Brazil.

Additionally, CSN is engaged in the mining of iron ore, limestone and dolomite in the neighboring State of Minas Gerais to cater for the needs of the Presidente Vargas mill. Aiming to improve these activities, the Company also maintains strategic investments in railroad and electricity transportation, ports, among other companies.

#### 2. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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In compliance with the configuration of the quarterly information form, the Statements of Changes in Financial Position and Cash Flows of the parent company and consolidated, are presented in the table Other information that the company understands as relevant .

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were prepared in conformity with the accounting principles adopted in Brazil, as well as with the accounting standards and pronouncements established by the Brazilian Securities Commission ("CVM") and Brazilian Institute of Accountants IBRACON.

#### (a) Income statement

The results of operations are determined on an annual accrual basis. The Company decided to defer the net exchange variation incurred during fiscal year 2001, as detailed in Note 13.

#### (b) Marketable securities

Securities are recorded at cost plus yields accrued through the balance sheet date, and do not exceed the market value.

#### (c) Allowance for doubtful accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts has been set up in an amount which, in the opinion of Management, suffices to absorb any losses that might be incurred in realizing accounts receivable.

#### (d) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of the average production/purchase cost and net realization value or replacement cost, respectively, except in the case of imports in process, which are stated at their identified cost.

#### (e) Other current and long-term assets

Other current and long-term assets are stated at their realization value, including, when applicable, yields accrued to the balance sheet date or, in the case of prepaid expenses, at cost.

#### (f) Investments

Investments in subsidiaries, jointly owned subsidiary companies and associated companies are recorded by the equity accounting method, plus any amortizable goodwill and discount negative goodwill, if applicable. The other permanent investments are recorded at acquisition cost.

#### (g) Property, plant and equipment



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The property, plant and equipment of the Parent Company includes the revaluation of assets, based on an appraisal conducted by independent firms, as of March 31, 1999, and December 19, 2002 as permitted by Ruling No. 288 issued by the Brazilian Securities Commission ("CVM") on December 3, 1998. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method at the rates shown in Note 11 based on the remaining economic useful lives of the assets after revaluation, according to the technical appraisal report. Iron mine depletion is calculated on the basis of the quantity of iron ore extracted. Interest charges related to capital funding for construction in progress are capitalized for as long as the projects remain unconcluded.

### (h) Deferred charges

The deferred charges are basically comprised of expenses incurred for development and implantation of projects that should generate a payback to the Company in the next few years. The amortization applied on a straight-line basis will follow the period foreseen for the economic return on the above projects. The charges also include the net foreign exchange variations related to the first quarter of 1999 and the year 2001.

### (i) Current and long-term liabilities

These are stated at their known or estimated values, when applicable, including accrued charges, monetary and foreign exchange variation incurred through the balance sheet date.

### (j) Employees Benefit

In accordance with Deliberation No. 371, issued by the Brazilian Securities Commission ( CVM ), of December 13, 2000, the Company, decided to record the respective actuarial liabilities from January 1, 2002, as mentioned in reported deliberation and substantiated by independent actuarial studies (see note 26 d).

### (k) Income Tax and Social Contribution on Net Income

Income tax and social contribution on net income are calculated based at their effective tax rates and consider the tax loss absorption limited to 30%, to compute the tax liability. Tax credits are set up for deferred taxes on tax losses, negative basis of social contribution on net income and on temporary differences as well as income tax and social contribution on the 2001 deferred exchange variation and other temporary differences

### (l) Derivatives

The derivatives operations are recorded in accordance with the characteristics of the financial instruments.

The swaps operations are recorded based on the operations net results, which are booked monthly as for the contractual conditions. The operations of exchange options are monthly adjusted to market value, whenever the position shows a loss, such loss is recognized as a company obligation in counter entry

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to the financial result, in accordance with the prudence principle.

### 4. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 include the following subsidiaries and joint subsidiaries:

(1) Considering the indirect participation in Sepetiba Tecon S.A., through CSN Panama, S.A., the total participation amounts to 50%.

The financial statements originally prepared in US dollars (CSN Panama, S.A., CSN Islands Corp., CSN Islands II, CSN Steel Corp., CSN Overseas, CSN Energy Corp. e CSN Steel II, S.A.) were converted to Brazilian reais at the exchange rate in effect on March 31, 2003 R\$ 3.3531 December 31, 2002 - R\$ 3.5333 and March 31, 2002 R\$ 2.3236) and the gains / losses originated by this conversion were accounted for in the income statements of the related years, as a result of equity accounting in the parent company and exchange variation in the consolidated. These financial statements were prepared applying the same accounting principles as those applied by the Parent Company.

All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in the presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

The year-end closing dates for the consolidated subsidiaries and jointly owned subsidiaries coincide with those of the parent company.

Being consistent with the financial statements as of December 31, 2002, the Company did not consolidate the following investees due to the fact that they do not represent any relevant change to the consolidated economic unit.

The consolidated financial statements do not include the subsidiary CSN Aceros, S.A an associated company through the 37.50% interest held by CSN Panama, S.A.

The participation in Itá Energética S.A. (ITASA) is shown as investment available for sale in long-term assets. Accordingly, the ITASA financial statements were not consolidated.

The reconciliation between shareholders equity and net income (loss) for the year of the Parent Company and consolidated is as follows:

Note 19 only shows changed in the parent company s stockholders equity.

### 5. TRANSACTION WITH RELATED PARTIES

\* CSN Cayman and CSN Iron Indirect Participation through its subsidiaries Energy I Corp. and CSN Panama S.A

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\*\*Others: CFN, FCA, CSC, CSN Foundation, CBS CSN Employee s Pension Fund, FEM, NEPAR, Sepetiba Tecon S.A., CSN Energia S.A. and CSN Participações Energéticas S.A.

These operations were carried out under normal market terms for such operations.

- (1) Semester Libor + 3% p.y. indeterminate maturity CSN Cayman  
IGPM + 6% p.y indeterminate maturity CSN Panama.
- (2) Contracts in US\$ - Interest of 11% p.y. - maturity 1st tranche: 01/23/2004 and 2nd tranche: 01/29/2004.
- (3) Contracts in US\$ - Interest of 9.5% p.y. (1st tranche) and 8.25% p.y. (2nd tranche) - maturity 1st and 2nd tranche:06/01/2007- CSN Iron

### 6. MARKETABLE SECURITIES AND DERIVATIVES

Company management applies investing most of their financial resources in Investment Fund comprised of Brazilian government bonds and fixed income bonds with monetary or foreign exchange variation, issued in the country and swap contracts and exchange options.

### 7. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

### 8. INVENTORIES

### 9. DEFERRED INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION

The sources of the deferred social contribution and income tax of the Parent Company are shown as follows:

The deferred assets related to income tax losses and social contribution negative basis were set up based on the historical CSN profitability and on the consequent expectation of future profitability, which were approved by Company s Management Councils. These credits are expected to be completely offset in 5 years

In addition to the credits already recorded, the Company has filed a lawsuit related to the "Plano Verão" claiming the financial and fiscal effects related to the inflationary elimination of Consumer Price Index ( IPC ) of January 1989, in the calculation of corporate income tax (IRPJ) and social contribution ("CSL") (see Note 18c).

Reconciliation between expenses and income of current income tax ( IRPJ ) and social contribution ("CSL") of the parent company and the application of the effective rate on net income before CSL and IRPJ is as follows:

10. RECOVERABLE PIS/PASEP

As a result of a favorable final decision by the Federal Supreme Court and on the basis of Federal Senate Resolution no. 49/95 ruling that Decrees no. 2445/88 and no. 2449/88 were unconstitutional, and based on the opinion which was further supported by CSN's legal counsel, the Company states the amount of this credit in its balance sheet, which includes principal and legal charges.

11. INVESTMENTS

a) Direct participation in subsidiary and associated company

b) Investment Movement

GalvaSud

Galvasud shares were assigned in guarantee of financing contracted by the Company with Unibanco - União de Bancos Brasileiros S.A. and Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau.

ITA

In 2001, the Administrative Council decided to sell the shareholding in Itá Energética S.A. (ITASA). Considering that there is formal evidence that the sale will occur in the near future, the investment balance was transferred to current assets, not being part of this note equity accounting any more, although restated by the same method, as determined by Instruction CVM No 247/96, art. 7, totaling R\$(42,209) in 2003.

Metalic

At the CSN Stockholders General Meeting, held on September 26, 2002, the Administration Council approved the acquisition by the Company of all Companhia Metalic Nordeste Metalic issued shares. The acquisition was effected on November 27, 2002 for the price of R\$108,500 indexed, as of July 1, 2002, by the General Market Price Index disclosed by Fundação Getúlio Vargas, plus interest of 12% per year, to be paid in 12 monthly and successive installments, as from November 2002.

The goodwill of R\$125,759, recorded upon acquisition of the investment is supported by the future profitability of the company's assets as Metalic is the only manufacturer of two pieces steel can representing a 5% market share. This material is an alternative to aluminum, because of its lower cost and better performance, both for the filling aspect as for lithography. To March 2003, the company amortized R\$3,144.

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In March 2003, the Company decided to capitalize Metallic with credits recorded in its accounts receivable and current accounts balances between the two companies. Such capitalization added R\$47,319.

### INAL

On December 30, 2002, as a result of a corporate reorganization process of the Company and its activities for unification of similar activities between INAL and CISA, both CSN controlled companies, the Company sold to its subsidiary CISA - CSN Indústria de Aços Revestidos S.A., the 8,457,189 common shares issued by INAL - Indústria Nacional de Aços Laminados S.A., representing 99.9998% of participation, for the book value of R\$141,227 for payment up to 360 days.

### MRS

MRS adopted a new tariff policy, which may provide for the retaking of its economical-finance break-even position. The Company understands that it is premature and unnecessary to recognize an eventual compromise with respect to the MRS unsecured liability. Company audited by another independent auditor.

### FCA

FCA present an unsecured liability in the amount of R\$533,836 on March 31, 2003. Accordingly the Company's investment in FCA is reduced to zero and the Company did not recognize the corresponding unsecured liability in the proportion of its participation based on the understanding that the investment, currently, is not essential to its business.

## 12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

At the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting held March 31, 1999 the stockholders approved, based on paragraphs 15 and 17 of CVM Deliberation no. 183, a revaluation report prepared by an independent specialized firm considering land, equipment, installations and real estate property in the plants of the Presidente Vargas Mill, Casa de Pedra and Arcos beside the iron ore mine in Casa de Pedra, the latter only being possible due to the fact that it is a publicly declared mine, defined by Decree no. 24642/1934 mine code as the mines known at the time to belong to the owners of the land on which they were located.

At the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting held December 19, 2002 the stockholders approved, based on paragraphs 15 and 17 of CVM Deliberation 183, a revaluation report considering the fixed assets of thermical mill CTE - II, in the City of Volta Redonda, RJ. The report established an increase in the amount of R\$508,433 which composes a new amount of R\$970,332 for the assets, already net of the depreciation incurred in the first two years of operation.

In the first quarter of 2003, assets given as guarantee of financial operations amounted to R\$2,309,512 (R\$2,309,512 in 12/31/2002).

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Total depreciation, depletion and amortization for the first quarter 2003 was R\$120,953 (2002 R\$118,983), of which R\$113,902 (2002 R\$114,217) appropriated to production cost and R\$7,051 (2002 R\$4,766) to overhead and administrative expenses (does not include amortization of deferred assets).

The portion of the total depreciation and depletion of the revaluated fixed asset items charged to results for each year is transferred in stockholders equity in equal proportion from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings. In the 1st quarter, the net amount of income tax and social contribution was R\$28,848 (2002 R\$26,762).

Construction in progress is mainly represented by a set of investment plans aimed at updating and developing technology to keep the Company competitive, both at the local and international markets. The main plans address environmental protection projects, cost reduction, infrastructure improvement and automation techniques as well as IT. Capitalized financial charges on work in progress in the 1st quarter 2003 amounted to R\$11,184 (2002 R\$2,172).

### 13. DEFERRED CHARGES

The IT projects are represented by automation projects of operating processes that aim at reducing costs and increase the competitiveness of the Company.

The amortization of the IT projects and of other projects in the 1st quarter 2003 was R\$9,634 (2002 R\$8,405), of which R\$6,820 (2002 R\$6,289) appropriated to production cost and R\$2,814 (2002 R\$2,116) to overhead and administrative expenses.

Based on Provisional Measure no. 3 of September 26, 2001 and CVM Deliberations no. 404 and 409 of September 27, and November 1, 2001, respectively, the Company and its subsidiaries MRS Logística and Galvasud have chosen to defer the negative net results arising from the adjustment of the amounts of credits and obligations in foreign currency, as a result of the exchange rate variation which took place in 2001. The Company deferred the amount of R\$1,360,636 in September 2001 and in the 1st quarter 2003 amortized R\$34,073 the balance will be amortized until 2.004 The net movement can be shown as follows:

### 14. LOANS AND FINANCING

On March 31, 2003, the long-term amortization schedule is shown below:

Interest is applied to the external and domestic loans and financing, at the following annual rates as of March 31, 2003:

Breakdown of total debt by currency of origin:

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The Company carries out derivative operations, in accordance with Note 16, for the purpose of minimizing the risk of relevant oscillation in foreign currency parity.

The guarantees offered for the loans and financing amounted R\$5,140,183 on March 31, 2003 (R\$5,298,902 on December 31, 2002), and comprised mainly fixed assets items, bank guarantees and promissory notes. This amount does not take into consideration the guarantees provided to subsidiaries, joint subsidiaries and associated companies (see Note 17).

### 15. DEBENTURES

As approved at the Extraordinary Stockholders' General Meeting and at the Administration Council Meeting, held on January 10, 2002 and February 20, 2002, respectively, the Company issued on February 1st, 2002, 69,000 debentures nominatives and non convertible, with no guarantee or preference, with nominal value of R\$10 each. There have been issued 54,000 debentures from the first series and 15,000 from the second series with a total face value of R\$ 690,000. However, the credit from negotiation with financial institutions, occurred on March 01, 2002 in the amount of R\$699,227. The difference of R\$9,277, resulting from the unit price variation between the issued date and the transaction date, is recorded in the stockholders equity as capital reserve. The nominal unit value is being monetarily restated, added by the respective remuneration pro-rata temporis calculated the first issue was corrected by CDI increased by 2.75% p.y and the second issue by IGPM plus interest of 13.25% p.y.. The maturity is expected for 02/01/2005 (First Series) and 02/01/2006 (Second Series), with the option of advance redemption (total or partial), as the issuer s option.

In March 2002, the Company repurchased the 4,396 debentures (4,396 on December 31, 2002). Comprising 2,345 of the first series, and 2,051 of the second.

### 16 . FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### General Considerations

The Company s business includes flat steel products to supply domestic and foreign market and mining of iron ore, limestone and dolomite to supply the Presidente Vargas Mill needs. The main market risk factors that can affect the Company business are shown as follows:

#### (a) Exchange Rate Risk

Although most of the revenues of the Company are in Brazilian Reais, as of March 31, 2003, R\$6,630,609 of the Company s total debt were denominated in foreign currency. As a consequence, the Company is subject to changes in exchange rates. The Company manages the risk of the exchange rate fluctuation that affects the value in Brazilian Reais that will be necessary to pay the liabilities in foreign currency, using derivative financial instruments, mainly futures contracts, swaps, forward contracts and option contracts with banks, as well as investing of a great part of its cash and banks in securities

remunerated by exchange variation.

The Management s objective in keeping these instruments is to equal the investment gains on loans resources to the loss on exchange devaluation of Brazilian Real in relation to U.S. Dollar and Yen. These loan resources were invested in short-term applications in Brazilian Reais, which yield interest at the Brazilian market rates.

(b) Credit Risk

The credit risk exposure is managed through the restriction of subsidiaries in derivative instruments to large financial institutions with a high quality of credit. Thus, management believes that the risk of non-compliance by the counterparts is insignificant. The Company does not maintain or issue financial instruments with commercial aims. The selection of clients as well as the diversification of its accounts receivable and the control on sales financing terms by business segment are procedures that the Company adopts to minimize occasioned problems with its commercial partners.

The financial instruments recorded in balance sheet accounts as of March 31, 2003, in which market value differs from the book value, are as follows:

On March 31, 2003 the consolidated position of derivative agreements outstanding was as follows:

(c) Market Value

The amounts presented as market value were calculated according to the conditions that were used in local and foreign markets on March 31, 2003, for financial transactions with identical features, such as: volume and term of the transaction and maturity date. Mathematical methods are used presuming there is no arbitrage between the markets and the financial assets. Finally, all transactions carried out in non-organized markets (over-the-counter market) are contracted with financial institutions previously approved by the Company s Board of Directors.

17. COLLATERAL SIGNATURE AND GUARANTEES

Together with its wholly owned and joint subsidiaries, the Company has the following responsibilities for guarantees provided

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND JUDICIAL DEPOSITS

The Company is currently party to several administrative and court proceedings involving different actions, claims and complaints, as shown below:



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The contingent liability is recorded in the heading of Provisions (current and long-term) and Taxes Payable.

### a) Labor litigation dispute:

As of March 31, 2003, CSN was the defendant of 1,800 labor claims (1,830 claims on December 31, 2002), which generated a provision in the amount of R\$46,468 (R\$46,699 on December 31, 2002). Most of the lawsuits are related to subsidiary responsibility, wages equalization, overtime and additional payment for unhealthy and hazardous activities.

The lawsuits related to subsidiary responsibility represent a great portion of the total labor litigations against the Company and are originated from the non payment by the contracted companies of the employees obligations, which results in CSN inclusion in the lawsuits to honor, at a subsidiary level, the payment of such obligations.

The most recent lawsuits originated from subsidiary responsibility tend to be deceased toward CSN due to the procedures adopted by the Company in order to inspect and assure the compliance with the wages and social charges payments, by the creation of the Contract Attendance Centers, which are operating over the last 3 years.

### b) Civil Actions:

There are, mainly, claims for indemnities among the civil judicial processes, which the Company is involved in. Such processes, in general, are originated from work related accident and occupational diseases related to industrial activities of the Company. For all these disputes, as of March 31, 2003 the Company had a provision in the amount of R\$34,132 (R\$27,863 on December 31, 2002).

### c) Tax Litigation Dispute:

PIS/COFINS Lei 9.718/99

CSN is questioning the legality of law 9,718/99, which increases the PIS and COFINS calculation basis, including, the financial revenue of the Company. The amount of this provision is R\$180,008, as of March 31, 2003 (R\$183,052 on December 31, 2002), which includes legal charges.

The Company obtained a favorable sentence in the first instance court and the process is going through compulsory re-examination by the 2nd Regional Federal Court of Appeals. The process has not being judged by the superior courts yet, however, according to the Company s lawyers favorable outcome is considered possible.

CPMF

The Company is questioning the CPMF (Provisional Contribution on Financial Activities) taxation since the promulgation of the Constitutional Amendment No.

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21/99. The amount of this provision on March 31, 2003 is R\$132,179 (R\$116,197 on December 31, 2002), which includes legal charges.

The sentence in the court first instance was favorable and the process is being judged by the 2nd Regional Federal Court of Appeals. However, we emphasize that the most recent precedent by the courts has not been favorable to the taxpayers.

### CIDE Contribution for Intervention in the economic domain

CSN disputes the legal validity of Law 10,168/00, which established the collection of the intervention contribution in the economic domain over the amounts paid, credited or remitted to beneficiaries that are not permanent residents of the country, as royalties or remuneration of supply contracts, technical assistance, trade mark license agreement and patent license exploration agreement. The Company recorded a judicial deposit in 2002 and its corresponding provision in the amount of R\$20,604 (R\$18,400 on December 31, 2002), which includes legal charges.

The first instance court decision was unfavorable and the process is currently sub judice in the 2nd Regional Federal Court of Appeals. However, there is not a legal precedent, since the processes about the subject are still very recent. According to the Company's lawyers, favorable outcome is considered possible.

### Educational Salary

The Company discusses the unconstitutionality of the Educational-Salary and the possible recovery of the amounts paid in the period from 01.05.89 to 10.16.96. The provision on March 31, 2003 amounts to R\$25,911 (R\$24,331 on December 31, 2002), which include legal charges.

The sentence in the legal court first instance was unfavorable and the process is currently sub judice in the 2nd Regional Federal Court of Appeals. Recently, the Brazilian Supreme Court judged the subject against the taxpayer, which reduces the favorable outcome expectations in this process.

### SAT Workers Compensation Insurance

The Company understands that it must pay the SAT at the rate of 1% in all of its establishments, and not 3%, as determined by the current law. The amounts of R\$31,305 (R\$28,065 on December 31, 2002) are being accrued on March 31, 2003, which include legal charges.

The sentence in the first instance court was unfavorable and the process is currently in TRF of the 2nd Region. Although there was so far no judgment in the Brazilian Supreme Court, according to the Company's lawyers, favorable outcome is considered possible.

### Others

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The Company has also numerous legal suits accrued related to FGTS LC 110, Drawback and Additional of freight for renewal of the charges navy merchant (AFRMM), in the amount of R\$8,624 on March 31, 2003 (R\$7,480 on December 31, 2002), which include legal charges.

### Income Tax and Social Contribution

The Company claims the recognition of financial and fiscal effects related to the inflationary expurgation of the IPC of January 1989, of 51.87%.

In February 2003, the court judged part of the discussion given by the Federal Court of the 1st Region, which recognized CSN right to 42.72% of the tax effects in the computation of the income tax and social contribution related to inflationary expurgation of the 1998 IPC ( Plano Verão ), after deducting the 12.51% of the monetary restatement applied . Consequently, CSN recorded, in the 1st quarter of 2003, the amount of R\$114,181 million as reversal of part of the IR/CSL provision related to this claim.

As of March 31, 2003 the Company recorded R\$218,381 (R\$218,381 on December 31, 2002) of court deposit and a provision of R\$104,200 on March 31, 2003 (R\$218,381 on December 31, 2002).

### 19. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

#### (a) Capital stock

The Company s capital stock on March 31, 2003 and 2002 is comprised of 71,729,261 thousand common shares, all book shares and without par value. Each common share entitles the owner to one vote at the General Meetings of Stockholders.

#### (b) Revaluation reserve (Parent Company)

This heading covers revaluations of the Company s fixed assets decided by the Extraordinary General Stockholders Meeting held March 31, 1999, such revaluations were intended for determining adequate amounts for the Company s fixed assets and additionally for the thermo-electrical power plant CTE II approved by the Extraordinary Stockholder s Meeting of December 19, 2002, in conformity with CVM Deliberation<sup>o</sup> 288 of December 3, 1998.

Pursuant to the provisions of CVM Decision No. 273 of August 20, 1998, a provision for social contribution and income tax was set up and classified as a long-term liability on the balance of the revaluation reserve (except land).

The realized portion of the revaluation reserve, net of income tax and social contribution, is included for purposes of calculating the mandatory minimum dividend.

#### (c) Capital composition

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On March 31, 2003, the main CSN stockholders are:

The Company's stock owned by Vicunha Siderurgia, were offered in guarantee of some restrictive covenants of loan agreement of this controlling stockholder.

### (d) Investment Politics and Payment of Interest on Stockholders Equity

On December 13, 2000, the Board of Directors decided to adopt a policy of profit distribution, which, by observing the provision of law no. 6,404, altered by law no. 9,457/97 implies the distribution of all net profit to the stockholders, as long as the following priorities are preserved irrespective of their order: (i) corporate strategy of the Company, (ii) compliance with the Company's obligations, (iii) making the necessary investments and (iv) maintenance of a good financial situation of the Company.

## 20. NET REVENUES AND COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD

## 21. CONSOLIDATED REVENUES AND INCOME BY SEGMENT OF BUSINESS

The information by business segment is based on the accounting books in accordance with Corporation Law.

The disclosure by business segment followed the concept of IAS14, as suggested by the Brazilian Securities Commission ( CVM ), providing the means to evaluate the performance in all Company business segments.

### MAE

Disputes between electric sector agents, aggravated by the lack of electric energy offer during the rationing, did not allow the financial settlement of the operations carried out in the Wholesale Energy Market ( MAE ). Such disputes are being resolved through the General Agreement between electric sector agents, with direct intervention of the Federal Government.

During the period from September 2000 to March 2003 the Company recorded the amounts determined in accordance with the statements provided by MAE, with the commercialized energy volume in the amount receivable of R\$484,333. Until April 29, 2003 the Company received the amount of R\$171,430, of which R\$91,179 in 2002 and R\$80,251 in 2003.

The Company accrued R\$50,517 provision for the effects of Order No 288/2002 of the Electric Energy National Agency ANEEL (exposure relief). The Company understands that credits with the MAE, net of provision, are higher than accounted for, and that should be financially remunerated.

In 2003, net sales revenue recognized by the energy segment via CSN Energia S.A., amounted to R\$108, equivalent to the volume of energy traded in the MAE.

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### 22. FINANCIAL RESULTS/ NET MONETARY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE VARIATIONS

### 23. NON-OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)

On March 31, 2003, the parent company non-operating result, amounted to R\$5,401 (R\$3,546 in 2002), and consolidated amounted to R\$5,320 (R\$3,565 in 2002). The most significant item included in these results is the setting up of a provision for probable loss on investment, mainly related to the write off of advance for future capital increase.

### 24 .VALUE-ADDED (PARENT COMPANY)

### 25. EBITDA

The Company s EBITDA (gross profit minus selling, general and administrative expenses, plus depreciation and depletion) is as follows:

### 26. EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND

#### (a) Private Pension Administration

The Company is the principal sponsor of the CSN Employees Pension Fund ("CBS"), a private non-profit pension fund established in July 1960, the principal objective of which is to pay benefits complementing those of the official social security. CBS congregates CSN employees, employees of CSN related companies and CBS employees, provided they sign the assent agreement.

#### (b) Characteristics of the Plans

CBS has three benefit plans:

#### 35% of Average Salary Plan

It is a defined benefit plan, which began on 02/01/1966, with the objective of paying retirements (related to length of service, special, invalidity or old-age) on a life long basis, equivalent to 35% of the participant s salaries for the 12 last salaries. The plan also guarantees the payment of sickness assistance to the licensed by the Official Pension Plan (Previdência Oficial). It also guarantees the payment of funeral grant and pension. The participants (active and retired) and the sponsors make 13 contributions per year, being the same number of benefits paid per year. This plan is in process of extinction, becoming inactive on 10/31/1977, when the new benefit plan began.

#### Supplementary Average Salary Plan

It is a defined benefit plan, which began on 11/01/1977. The purpose of this plan is to complement the difference between the 12 last average salaries and the Official Pension Plan (Previdência Oficial) benefit, to the retired, and

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also on a life long basis. As with the 35% Average Salary Plan, there is sickness assistance, funeral grant and pension coverage. Thirteen contributions and payment of benefits are made per year. It became inactive since 12/26/1995, because of the combined supplementary benefits plan creation.

### Combined Supplementary Benefits Plan

This plan began in 12/27/1995. It is a mixed plan, being a defined contribution, related to the retirement and a defined benefit, in relation to other benefits (pension, invalidity and sickness benefit). In this plan, the retirement benefit is calculated based on the sponsor and participants contributions, totaling 13 per year. Upon retirement of the participant, the plan becomes a defined benefit plan and 13 benefits are paid per year.

As of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, the plans are presented as follow:

#### (c) Insufficiency of Reserve Equalization

On January 25, 1996, the Supplementary Social Security Secretariat SPC (Secretaria de Previdencia Complementar), through letter no. 55 SPC/CGOF/COJ approved a proposal to equalize the insufficiency of reserves based on value determined on September 30, 1995, monetarily update to December 31, 1995. Under the approved scheme to settle the insufficiency, the participants will cover 42.51% over a period of 35 years and the sponsors will cover 57.5% over 30 years.

Through letter no. 1555/SPC/GAB/COA, of August 22, 2002, confirmed by letter no. 1598/SPC/GAB/COA of August 28, 2002 new proposal was approved for refinancing of reserves to amortize, the sponsors responsibility in the amount of R\$725,820, in 240 monthly and successive installments being the 1st to 12 th installments due in the amount of R\$958 and from 13th on R\$3,133, monetarily indexed (INPC + 6% p.y.), starting June 28, 2002. The contract also foresees the installments anticipation in case of cash necessity in defined benefit plan and the transfer of occasioned deficits/superavits for which the sponsors are responsible to the updated debtor balance, so as to preserve the plans balance without exceeding the maximum period of amortization.

#### (d) Actuarial Liabilities

As provided by CVM Deliberation No. 371, of December 13, 2000, approving the NPC 26 of IBRACON Employee s Benefit Accounting that established new calculation and disclosure accounting practices, the management of the Company, with its external actuaries, determined the effects of this new practice.

#### Actuarial Liability Recognition

The Administration decided to recognize the actuarial liability adjustment in the results for the period of five years, as from January 1, 2002, being appropriated in the first quarter of 2003 the amount of R\$20,393, in accordance with paragraphs 83 and 84 of NPC 26 of IBRACON and CVM Deliberation No.

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371/2000, which added to related contribution private pension fund outlay totaled R\$28,307.

The amortizing contribution is related to the part of the participants in the determination of to settle the reserve insufficiency, was reduced by the present value of the total actuarial obligations of the respective plans. Some participants are challenging in court this amortizing contribution; but the Company based on its legal and actuarial advisors, understands that the amortizing contribution was approved by Supplementary Social Security Secretariat Secretaria da Previdência Complementar, and as such the contribution is due by those participants.

In the case of the Millennium Plan (Combined Supplementary Benefit Plan) of defined contribution, where there is a net actuarial asset, and in which the sponsor contributions are the same as the participants contribution, our actuarial advisors understand that 50% of the net actuarial asset could be used for reduction of the sponsor s contribution. Thus, the sponsor chose to recognize 50% of this asset on its books in the amount of R\$2,910 in 2003.

Main actuarial assumptions adopted in the actuarial liability calculation

### 27. BUSINESS INTERNATIONALIZATION

In accordance with CSN s international business development strategy, on June 19, 2001, CSN obtained the right to acquire assets, with approximate value of US\$50 million that belonged to Heartland Steel Inc., a company in Chapter #11, located in Terre Haute, state of Indiana, USA.

As of July 16, 2001, CSN ceded its right to a limited liability corporation LLC ( LLC ), organized according to the Delaware legislation, and controlled by Tangua Incorporated, which is controlled by an unrelated entity. LLC acquired the above mentioned assets for the amount of US\$55 million and assumed certain liabilities in the total amount of US\$19 million.

CSN is to acquire the quota of LLC in July 2003, as part of a put and call agreement signed by CSN and the administrative agent of Credit Agreement, related to a Tangua s loan. The principal amount of the loan signed in July 2001 is US\$175 million, subject to Libor plus interest of 1.875% p.a. The price for CSN to exercise this right in the put and call agreement is the borrowing balance (plus accrued interest) on the acquisition date.

### 28.SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Lusosider

On April 22, 2003, the Company informed that, in conformity with its internationalization strategy, it intends to buy from Banco do Espírito Santo de Investimentos S.A. ( BESI ), 50% of its participation in Lusosider Projectos Siderúrgicos S.A., a Portuguese laminating company producing galvanized products by immersion and metallic blades, in the amount of EUR 10,84 million

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(US\$11.8 million). This transaction is subject to conditions, among which the approval, by the Portuguese or European Economic Community regulating agencies.

FCA - CFN - TECON

The Company and Companhia Vale do Rio Doce CVRD, announced the signing of purchase and sale contracts of equity holdings that, after approval by the regulating agencies and by the BNDES, will make it possible for the Company and its subsidiaries to hold the whole control of Sepetiba TECON and 50% of CFN, whereas CVRD will have the whole control of Ferrovia Centro Atlântica. Within a 60-day term, the Company will disburse the amount of R\$80 million for the stake in Sepetiba TECON and the amount paid by CVRD R\$100 million to transfer the control from CFN to CSN and TAQUARI.

Offering

The Company, through its subsidiary CSN Islands III Corp., issued US\$75 million in Notes. The transaction, with maturity in 2 years, has coupon of 9.75% p.y.. The funds raised in this operation will be used as working capital, increasing the Company's liquidity.

Liquidation of US Commercial Papers

On April 18, 2003 the Company settled the US Commercial Papers financial operation in the amount of US\$250 million, through its subsidiary CSN Overseas. The funds were raised in 2001 at the approximate cost of 5.9% p.a.

### 29. EXPLANATION ADDED FOR TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting practices laid down by the Corporate Law in Brazil.

Certain accounting practices applied by the Company and its subsidiaries that conform to those accounting practices in Brazil may not conform to generally accept accounting principles in other countries.

Highlights

- The strong operating performance contributed to EBITDA (Gross Profit SG&A Expenses + Depreciation and Depletion) of R\$717 million, 90% higher than in 1Q02, and an EBITDA margin (EBITDA/net revenues) of 51%. Consolidated EBITDA totaled R\$788 million, 102% higher than in 1Q02 and the EBITDA margin was 50%.
- Net revenues grew 49% to R\$1.4 billion in 1Q03, due to price increases implemented in the domestic market, a greater percentage of coated product sales (38% compared to 32%), and a greater portion of export sales. These factors were partially offset by 9% lower sales volume. Export volumes and revenues (denominated in U.S. dollars and translated into reais in the income statement) rose from 28% to 33% and from 18% to 27% of total sales, respectively, in 1Q03, reflecting a 7% higher export volume and by a 114% increase in average prices obtained, in reais.



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- Consolidated net debt was 5% lower compared to December 31, 2002, totaling US\$1.368 billion, and US\$709 million lower than at the close of 1Q02. This reduction is a result of strong cash generation, which contributed to a US\$165 million increase in cash on a consolidated basis at the end of 1Q03. The Company's cash management and hedging strategy reduced the quarter's average cost of net consolidated debt to close to zero.
- As a result of the excellent operating performance and the 5.1% appreciation of the Brazilian real during 1Q03 (compared to the last quarter of 2002), CSN's net income totaled R\$406 million (R\$5.66 per ADR) compared to a net loss of R\$197 million in 1Q02.

### Production and Production Costs

In 1Q03, crude steel output remained stable at 1.3 million tonnes, while rolled finished products production was stable at 1.1 million tonnes (production volumes measured at the continuous caster for crude steel, and at the hot strip mill for rolled finished products - this volume slightly differs from inventory deposits due to normal process losses).

Production costs in 1Q03 were higher on a per-tonne basis, due mainly to the 47% average depreciation of the real against the dollar compared to 1Q02. In addition, the Company consumed a greater amount of purchased coke (in 2002 the company consumed excess coke produced during Blast Furnace #3 maintenance) and reclassified certain costs for personnel involved in operations from administrative expenses to cost of goods sold.

### Sales

Sales volume of finished products and slabs totaled 1.08 million tonnes, 9% lower than in 1Q02, driven by lower sales of slabs and hot rolled steel, which are lower value-added products.

The domestic market accounted for 67% of total sales volume in 1Q03 compared to 72% in the same period of 2002. Demand in the domestic market was driven by our sales to the automotive sector, which increased 22%, due to strong vehicle exports. In the export market, China was the main destination, where prices were higher than the international average.

Higher value-added galvanized steel and tin mill products accounted for 38% of total sales volume in 1Q03, compared to 32% last year, when the Company's slab sales were 70,000 tons higher.

CSN's consolidated sales volume was 1.09 million tonnes in 1Q03, with the percentage of export sales remaining at 33% and coated products accounting for 41% of total sales volume, reflecting the sale of galvanized products by GalvaSud produced from cold rolled steel purchased mainly from CSN.

### Operating Results

Net revenues, Cost of Goods Sold & gross margin

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Net revenues increased 49% to R\$1.4 billion in 1Q03, compared to 1Q02. Higher average prices and a greater percentage of coated product sales offset a 9% lower sales volume. Lower sales volume was due mainly to delays in an approximately 40,000-tonne shipment caused by a 10-day trucking strike in March and by lower inventory levels at the beginning of 2003. Domestic sales accounted for 73% of total net sales compared to 82% in 1Q02.

Consolidated net revenues totaled R\$1.6 billion in 1Q03, 52% higher than in 2002. The differences between Parent Company and Consolidated figures are the sales of Metalic, CISA and GalvaSud, which sell higher value added products produced from products supplied mainly by CSN.

In 1Q03, cost of goods sold (CoGS) was 21% higher, totaling R\$700 million. The impact of the higher average exchange rate on imported raw materials was the main reason behind this increase, in addition to an R\$11 million impact from the reclassification of certain personnel expenses to production costs, as mentioned above. Included in CoGS is our R\$22 million share of MRS amortization of deferred exchange rate loss incurred in 2001. Consolidated COGS was R\$764 million, 17% higher than in 1Q02.

Gross margin was 50% in 1Q03 compared to 38% in 1Q02, due mainly to higher selling prices. Consolidated gross margin was 52%, compared to 1Q02 s 38%.

### ◆ SG&A expenses

In 1Q03 SG&A expenses, without depreciation, totaled R\$93 million, R\$8 million lower than in 1Q03. The main reason for this decrease was the R\$11 million in expenses that were reclassified to production costs, as mentioned above.

### ◆ EBITDA

EBITDA in 1Q03 was 90% higher, totaling R\$717 million. The EBITDA margin was 51%, up from 40% in 1Q02 and unchanged from the 4Q02 margin. This increase is related to the growth of gross profit. The inclusion of our share of MRS amortization of deferred exchange rate loss mentioned above had a 3 percentage point negative impact on the EBITDA margin.

Consolidated EBITDA also grew 102% to R\$788 million, with an EBITDA margin of 50%, practically the same as the parent company.

### ◆ Other operating income (expenses)

In 1Q03, the Company recorded other net income of R\$25 million compared to a net expense of R\$48 million in 1Q02. In March 2003 a provision of R\$35 million that was booked in 4Q02 to recognize a partial liability to MAE by Itasa was reversed, as Itasa recognized this part in its income statement (therefore impacting equity results negatively. Also contributing to this item were lower provisions for contingencies.

## Net financial result

Net financial result (financial expenses plus financial income plus monetary and net currency variations, excluding amortization of the deferral) was a positive R\$18 million in 1Q03. The positive change of R\$194 million is a result of the Company s hedging strategy. Arbitrage gains from hedging instruments and

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a low nominal cost of gross debt contributed to a net debt cost of 4% per year in reais, or 15% of CDI Cetip (annualized). For the remainder of the year, the Company expects a consolidated net debt cost of approximately 70% of CDI (Brazilian Interbank Interest Rate).

**Exchange Rate Impact Deferral:** In 1Q03, CSN amortized a total amount of R\$34 million compared to R\$329 million in 1Q02, leaving a balance of R\$96 million to be amortized by the end of 2003 and R\$104 million to be amortized in 2004.

### Equity in results of subsidiaries

Equity in results of subsidiaries was a negative R\$51 million in 1Q03, due mainly to the impact of the 5.1% currency appreciation on shareholders equity of offshore companies denominated in U.S. dollars.

#### ◆ Income Tax and Social Contribution

In 1Q03, CSN recorded a tax expense of R\$138 million compared to a tax credit of R\$101 million in 1Q02. The higher pre-tax earnings were partially offset by a reversion of a portion of the tax provision in the amount of R\$115 million associated with the the inflationary amnesty of 1989 ( Summer Plan ). In February 2003, a partial ruling was made by the Federal Court (TRF 1a reg.), which allows CSN to recognize 42.72% (adjusted for inflation with a 12.51% indexer) of the fiscal effects to calculate income taxes related to the Summer Plan.

#### ◆ Net Income (Loss)

Net income in 1Q03 for the Parent Company was R\$406 million (R\$5.66 per ADR), R\$603 million higher than in 1Q02. Consolidated net income totaled R\$397 million, or R\$594 million higher than in 1Q02.

### Consolidated Net Debt

In 1Q03 CSN s consolidated net debt was reduced 5% to US\$1.368 billion, due to strong cash generation which raised the consolidated cash position by US\$165 million during the first quarter of 2003. On March 31, 2003, cash and cash equivalents were US\$652 million. Annualizing first quarter consolidated EBITDA would result in a Net Debt/EBITDA ratio of 1.5 on March 31, 2003.

### Capital Expenditures

In 1Q03, capital expenditures totaled R\$22 million, primarily relating to the technological and operational maintenance of the Volta Redonda mill. In addition to this amount, property, plant and equipment increased by R\$514 million, reflecting CISA incorporation into CSN, in 1Q03.

### Recent Events

- In line with its strategy to focus on its core competency in steelmaking and maintain stakes in assets that yield synergies for the Company, on April 16, 2003 CSN signed an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Asset Stakes and Other Service Agreements with Companhia Vale do Rio Doce and its subsidiaries (CVRD) and Taquari Participações. Upon completion of the

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agreement, CSN will own 100% of Sepetiba Tecon S.A. (TECON) and 49% of Companhia Ferroviária do Nordeste (CFN) and will no longer hold a stake in Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. (FCA). In this transaction CSN will make a cash disbursement of R\$81 million for the stake in TECON. In connection with CVRD's divestment of its interest in CFN, the amount paid by CVRD, will be added to CFN's shareholder's equity.

- On April 22, 2003, CSN issued US\$75 million in 2-year Notes through its subsidiary CSN Islands III Corp., with a 9.75% coupon. The transaction was coordinated by J.P. Morgan Europe Limited.
- On April 22, 2003, CSN disclosed its intention to acquire a 50% stake in Lusosider Projectos Siderúrgicos S.A. (Lusosider) from Banco Espírito Santo de Investimento S.A. for EUR 10.84 million (US\$11.8 million). This transaction is subject to approval by the Portuguese or European Union regulatory authorities. Lusosider is a steel rolling company that produces dipped galvanized and tin-plate steel products, servicing mainly the Iberian Peninsula market.
- At the Annual Shareholders Meeting on April 29, 2003, shareholders approved distributions of R\$293.5 million (R\$4.091524 per ADR, before taxes) as Interest on Equity and R\$506.1 million (R\$7.056229 per ADR) as dividends related to revenue reserves from prior years. Payment will be made as of June 11, 2003.
- At this Annual Shareholders Meeting, shareholders also approved the assets revaluation report, which increased fixed assets by R\$4.1 billion while increasing revaluation reserve and deferred taxes in the long term.
- In April 2003, CSN completed the last of the projects called for in the FEEMA Agreement, signed on January 27, 2000 with the Rio de Janeiro State Government. A total of 130 environmental items were included in the program, 55 of which were related to air pollution control (R\$166 million in investments), 44 were related to water pollution control (R\$67 million in investments) and 18 were related to solid waste treatment (R\$18 million).

On April 30, 2003, Antonio Mary Ulrich, Managing Director of the Corporate Center and Investor Relations, resigned from the Company. Benjamin Steinbruch, CSN's CEO, will assume these functions in an interim basis.

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional, located in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is a steel complex integrated by investments in infrastructure and logistics, that combines in its operation captive mines, an integrated steel mill, service centers, ports and railways. With a total annual production capacity of 5,400,000 tonnes of crude steel and consolidated gross revenues of R\$6.1 billion reported in 2002, CSN is also the only tin-plate producer in Brazil and one of the five largest tin-plate producers worldwide.

Certain of the statements contained herein are forward-looking statements, which express or imply results, performance or events that are expected in the future. They include future results that may be implied by historical results and investments, cost of net debt for 2003, the amount of deferral to be amortized in 2003 and 2004 and the completion of the agreement with CVRD and the acquisition of Lusosider. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements,

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as a result of several factors, such as general and economic conditions in Brazil and other countries, interest rate and exchange rate levels, future renegotiations or pre-payment of liabilities or credits denominated in foreign currencies, protectionist measures in the US, Brazil and other countries, changes in laws and regulations and general competitive factors (on a global, regional or national basis).

SALES VOLUME  
In thousands of tonnes

	1Q2003	4Q2002	1Q2002
Brazilian Market	731	776	867
Hot Rolled	248	252	338
Cold Rolled	180	200	207
Galvanized	128	129	155
Tin Mill Products	163	185	156
Slabs	12	10	11
Export Market	352	476	329
Hot Rolled	96	203	57
Cold Rolled	21	49	4
Galvanized	51	90	5
Tin Mill Products	64	96	72
Slabs	120	38	191
TOTAL MARKET	1,083	1,252	1,196
Hot Rolled	344	455	395
Cold Rolled	201	249	211
Galvanized	179	219	160
Tin Mill Products	227	281	228
Slabs	132	48	202

Exchange Rates (R\$/US\$)

	4thQ01	1stQ02	2ndQ02	3rdQ02	4thQ02	1stQ03
US\$	2.3204	2.3236	2.8444	3.8949	3.5333	3.3531
Change (%)	(13.1)	0.1	22.4	36.9	(9.3)	(5.1)

Net revenue by product  
In R\$/tonne

	1Q 2003	4Q 2002	1Q 2002
TOTAL MARKET	1,205	1,135	737
Hot Rolled	911	862	577
Cold Rolled	1,149	1,040	752
Galvanized	1,527	1,403	1,096
Tin Mill Products	1,700	1,542	1,127
Slabs	767	614	312

INVESTMENTS IN FIXED AND DEFERRED ASSETS PARENT COMPANY

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In millions of reais

	1Q 2003	4Q 2002	1Q 2002
Technological improvements	8	81	6
Environmental projects	3	18	10
Deferred	15	23	7
Others*	(4)	82	17
<b>TOTAL1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>40</b>

\* general construction work, spare parts, maintenance, logistics, etc

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1 Includes financial charges capitalization: 1Q03 - (10) and 1Q02 - 2

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### 06.01 - CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE .	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2002
1	TOTAL ASSETS	15,628,941	15,434,22
1.01	CURRENT ASSETS	4,692,781	4,227,07
1.01.01 ..	CASH AND BANKS	58,840	141,08
1.01.01.01	BANKS	58,800	141,04
1.01.01.02	OTHER	40	4
1.01.02 ..	CREDITS	1,303,175	1,437,91
1.01.02.01	TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - DOMESTIC MARKET	1,089,258	1,191,76
1.01.02.02	TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - EXPORT MARKET	315,920	351,17
1.01.02.03	ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	(102,003)	(105,02)
1.01.03 ..	INVENTORIES	684,284	574,25
1.01.03.01	FINISHED PRODUCTS	196,535	130,12
1.01.03.02	PRODUCTS IN PROCESS	106,311	78,27
1.01.03.03	RAW MATERIAL	182,011	160,48
1.01.03.04	SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	182,070	176,90
1.01.03.05	IMPORTS IN TRANSIT	5,891	15,36
1.01.03.06	MATERIALS IN TRANSIT	11,466	13,10
1.01.04 ..	OTHER	2,646,482	2,073,81
1.01.04.01	MARKETABLE SECURITIES	2,027,354	1,477,15
1.01.04.02	WITHHOLDING INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OFFSET	87,818	111,90
1.01.04.03	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	229,065	239,94
1.01.04.04	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	53,574	55,19
1.01.04.05	OPTION PREMIUM HEDGE	0	
1.01.04.06	OTHER	248,671	189,61
1.02	LONG-TERM ASSETS	1,429,068	1,600,92
1.02.01 ..	CREDITS	55,405	54,69
1.02.01.01	COMPULSORY LOANS - ELETROBRÁS	55,405	54,69
1.02.02 ..	CREDITS WITH RELATED PARTIES	0	
1.02.02.01	AFFILIATES	0	
1.02.02.02	SUBSIDIARIES	0	
1.02.02.03	OTHER RELATED PARTIES	0	
1.02.03 ..	OTHER	1,373,663	1,546,23
1.02.03.01	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	286,186	389,97
1.02.03.02	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	79,536	118,81
1.02.03.03	JUDICIAL DEPOSITS	456,695	444,06

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1.02.03.04	SECURITIES RECEIVABLE	52,273	50,92
1.02.03.05	RECOVERABLE PIS / PASEP	50,850	49,39
1.02.03.06	LEASES	47,495	48,09
1.02.03.07	INVESTMENT AVAILABLE FOR SALE	203,706	237,71
1.02.03.08	DEBENTURE	100,667	100,57
1.02.03.09	OTHER	96,255	106,68
1.03	PERMANENT ASSETS	9,507,092	9,606,22
1.03.01 ..	INVESTMENTS	131,452	134,82
1.03.01.01	IN AFFILIATES	0	

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1.03.01.02	IN SUBSIDIARIES	131,452	134,82
1.03.01.03	OTHER INVESTMENTS	0	
1.03.02 ..	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	8,908,473	8,975,70
1.03.02.01	IN NET OPERATION	8,303,376	8,407,76
1.03.02.02	CONSTRUCTION	523,783	484,76
1.03.02.03	LANDS	81,314	83,18
1.03.03 ..	DEFERRED CHARGES	467,167	495,70

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### 06.02 - CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE ....	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2002
2	TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,628,941	15,434,70
2.01	CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,992,788	4,728,70
2.01.01 .....	LOANS AND FINANCING	3,508,839	2,969,70
2.01.02 .....	DEBENTURES	29,067	106,68
2.01.03 .....	SUPPLIERS	617,154	696,68
2.01.04 .....	TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS	341,628	376,68
2.01.04.01 ..	SALARIES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	84,304	75,68
2.01.04.02 ..	TAXES PAYABLE	151,763	198,68
2.01.04.03 ..	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	77,618	75,68
2.01.04.04 ..	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	27,943	27,68
2.01.05 .....	DIVIDENDS PAYABLE	293,623	293,68
2.01.05.01 ..	DELIBERATED INTEREST ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	216	
2.01.05.02 ..	PROPOSED DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	293,407	293,68
2.01.06 .....	PROVISIONS	6,509	7,68
2.01.06.01 ..	LABOR, CIVIL AND FISCAL	6,509	7,68
2.01.07 .....	DEBT WITH RELATED PARTIES	0	
2.01.08 .....	OTHER	195,968	278,68
2.01.08.01 ..	DERIVATIVES -PAYBLE ACCOUNTS	0	31,68
2.01.08.02 ..	OTHER	195,968	246,68
2.02	LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	5,331,375	5,810,70
2.02.01 .....	LOANS AND FINANCING	2,568,128	3,043,70
2.02.01.01 ..	LOANS AND FINANCING	2,568,128	3,043,70
2.02.02 .....	DEBENTURES	666,550	666,68
2.02.03 .....	PROVISIONS	1,654,968	1,758,68
2.02.03.01 ..	LABOR, CIVIL AND FISCAL	91,556	81,68
2.02.03.02 ..	FOR INCOME TAX IN JUDGE	59,866	125,68

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2.02.03.03 ..	FOR SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION IN JUDGE	44,333	93,
2.02.03.04 ..	OTHER TAX IN JUDGE	206,407	205,
2.02.03.05 ..	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	921,181	921,
2.02.03.06 ..	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	331,625	331,
2.02.04 .....	DEBT WITH AFFILIATES	0	
2.02.05 .....	OTHER	441,729	342,
2.02.05.01 ..	PROVISION FOR INVESTMENT DEVALUATION	0	
2.02.05.02 ..	OTHER	441,729	342,
2.03	DEFERRED INCOME	0	
2.04	MINORITY INTEREST	0	
2.05	STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	5,304,778	4,895,
2.05.01 .....	PAID-IN CAPITAL	1,680,947	1,680,
2.05.01.01 ..	COMMON STOCKS	0	
2.05.02 .....	CAPITAL RESERVES	10,485	10,
2.05.03 .....	REVALUATION RESERVES	2,485,361	2,514,
2.05.03.01 ..	OWN ASSETS	2,485,361	2,514,
2.05.03.02 ..	SUBSIDIARIES/AFFILIATES	0	

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### 06.02 - CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 -03/31/2003	4 -12/31/2002
2.05.04 .....	REVENUE RESERVES	702,588	689,
2.05.04.01 ..	LEGAL	196,449	196,
2.05.04.02 ..	STATUTORY	0	
2.05.04.03 ..	FOR CONTINGENCIES	0	
2.05.04.04 ..	UNREALIZED INCOME	0	
2.05.04.05 ..	PROFIT RETENTIONS	0	
2.05.04.06 ..	SPECIAL FOR NON-DISTRIBUTED DIVIDENDS	0	
2.05.04.07 ..	OTHER PROFIT RESERVES	506,139	493,
2.05.04.07.01	FOR INVESTMENTS	506,139	493,
2.05.05 .....	RETAINED EARNINGS (LOSSES)	425,397	

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### 07.01 - CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN REAIS)

1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 - 01/01/2003 TO 03/31/2003	4 - TO
3.01	GROSS REVENUE FROM SALES AND SERVICES	1,875,335	
3.02	DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS REVENUE	(290,164)	
3.03	NET REVENUE FROM SALES AND SERVICES	1,585,171	
3.04	COST OF GOODS AND SERVICES SOLD	(763,837)	
3.05	GROSS PROFIT	821,334	
3.06	OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	(279,316)	
3.06.01	SELLING	(103,628)	
3.06.02	GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	(63,236)	
3.06.03	FINANCIAL	(288,924)	
3.06.03.01	FINANCIAL INCOME	(124,655)	
3.06.03.01.01	EXCHANGE VARIATION AMORTIZATION	0	
3.06.03.01.02	OTHER	(124,655)	
3.06.03.02	FINANCIAL EXPENSES	(164,269)	



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3.06.04	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	17,990
3.06.05	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	204,051
3.06.05.01	FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONETARY LOSS, NET	238,792
3.06.05.02	AMORTIZATION OF SPECIAL EXCHANGE VARIATION	(34,741)
3.06.05.03	OTHER	0
3.06.06	EQUITY IN RESULTS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES	(45,569)
3.07	OPERATING INCOME/LOSS	542,018
3.08	NON-OPERATING INCOME /LOSS	(5,320)

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1 - CODE	2 - DESCRIPTION	3 - 01/01/2003 TO 03/31/2003	4 - 01/01/ TO 03/31/
3.08.01	INCOME	110	11
3.08.02	EXPENSES	(5,430)	(5,43)
3.09	INCOME BEFORE TAXES AND PARTICIPATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS	536,698	536,69
3.10	PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	33,022	33,02
3.11	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	(173,171)	(173,17)
3.11.01	DEFERRED INCOME TAX	(125,923)	(125,92)
3.11.02	DEFERRED SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION	(47,248)	(47,24)
3.12	STATUTORY PARTICIPATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS	0	
3.12.01	PARTICIPATIONS	0	
3.12.02	CONTRIBUTIONS	0	
3.13	REVERSAL OF INTEREST ON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	0	
3.15	NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	396,549	396,54
	OUTSTANDING SHARES (THOUSANDS)	71,729,261	71,729,26
	EARNINGS PER SHARE (R\$)	0.00553	0.0055
	LOSS PER SHARE (R\$)		

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### 15.01 PROJECTS OF INVESTMENT

#### OPERATIONAL INVESTMENTS

The accumulated expenditures for the main projects of investments underway as of March 31, 2003 are as follows: In thousand of reais

Thermoelectric Central .....	562
Replecement of Steel Pot Frame .....	301
Replecement of Converter s Frame - B .....	724
Modernization of Pickling Line # 3 and #4 .....	57
Improvement on line of Plate s continuous annealing .....	168
Sinter Reformation .....	133
Instalation of Hot Rolled Cut Line .....	114
Improvement on Hot Band Mill .....	201
Ingnition Control of Exhaustion Motors from Sinter # 2 .....	56
Researches and Projects .....	110
Particulate Emission to Lantern .....	121
Organic Vapor Taking Process .....	185
Sewer System .....	1,971
Total .....	4,703

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16.01 OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMPANY CONSIDERS RELEVANT

	Parent Company 2003	2002	Consolidated 2003
Cash Flow from operating activities			
Net income (loss) for the year .....	406,032	(197,412)	396,549
Adjustments to reconcile the net income for the year with the resources from operating activities:			
-Amortization of special exchange variation .....	34,073	329,266	34,741
-Net monetary and exchange variation .....	(368,970)	(8,168)	(239,911)
-Provision for loan and financing charges .....	150,544	129,178	110,427
-Depreciation / depletion / amortization .....	124,742	132,009	133,068
-Write-offs of permanent assets .....	105	993	347
-Equity pick up .....	51,307	(13,603)	45,569
-Deferred income tax and social contribution .....	182,812	(117,704)	173,171
-Provision swap / forward .....	328,954		328,954
-Provision market to market .....	(246,055)		(246,055)
-Actuarial Liability Provision .....	20,393		20,393
-Other provisions .....	(42,147)	37,656	(30,384)
	641,790	292,215	726,869
(Increase) Decrease in assets:			
-Accounts receivable trade .....	71,865	(194,920)	133,480
-Inventories .....	(97,431)	35,852	(110,034)
-Judicial deposits .....	(13,470)	(3,008)	(17,182)
-Credits with subsidiary and associated companies ..	65,640	56,970	
-Carryforward taxes .....	(12,156)	(10,056)	(11,248)
-Others .....	119,063	37,293	(9,554)
	133,511	(77,869)	(14,538)
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities:			
-Suppliers .....	(45,090)	(1,587)	(56,671)
-Salaries and payroll charges .....	9,047	4,692	9,001
-Taxes .....	(63,128)	25,827	(58,800)
-Accounts payable - Subsidiary Company .....	3,624	(78,433)	
-Option Hedge premium .....	211,241		212,085
-Other .....	22,633	60,566	(59,055)
	138,327	11,065	46,560
Net resources from operating activities .....	913,628	225,411	758,891
Cash Flow from investing activities			
Investments .....	(42,474)	(146,578)	
Property, plant and equipment .....	(501,077)	(30,664)	(63,501)

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Deferred assets .....	(44,662)	(7,270)	(17,732)
Net resources used on investing activities .....	(588,213)	(184,512)	(81,233)
Cash Flow from financing activities			
Financial Funding:			
-Loans and financing .....	1,028,977	244,823	851,405
-Debentures .....		645,585	
	1,028,977	890,408	851,405
Payments:			
-Financial institution			
-Principal .....	(605,578)	(148,514)	(580,464)
-Charges .....	(142,142)	(84,425)	(151,689)
-Interest on stockholders equity/dividends .....	(8)	(2)	(8)
	(747,728)	(232,941)	(732,161)
Net resources from financing activities .....	281,249	657,467	119,244
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents .....	606,664	698,366	796,902
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year .....	850,278	378,684	1,186,347
	1,456,942	1,077,050	1,983,249
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year			
Additional cash flow information			
Monetary variation and interest capitalized .....	(9,789)	2,172	(3,245)

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SOURCES OF FUNDS

Funds provided by operations

Net income (loss) for the period .....	406,032	
Expenses (income) not affecting working capital		
- Monetary and foreign exchange variation and long term accrued charges (net)	(288,282)	
- Equity pick up .....	51,307	
- Write-offs of permanent assets .....	105	
- Depreciation/depletion/amortization .....	124,742	

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- Amortization of deferred foreign exchange Variation .....	34,073	
- Deferred income tax and social contribution .....	141,759	
- Reversion of income tax and social contribution .....	(114,759)	
- CPMF Provision .....	130,516	
- Acturial Liabilities Provision .....	20,393	
- Other .....	(18,195)	
	487,691	
Funds provided by third parties - Long-term		
Loans and financing resources .....	335,227	
Debentures Issue .....		
Decrease in other assets .....	5,317	
Increase in other liabilities .....	35,870	
Subsidiaries Proposed Dividend .....		
Other .....	5,673	
	382,087	
	869,778	1,
USES OF FUNDS		
Funds used in permanent assets		
Investments .....	42,474	
Property, plant and equipment .....	491,288	
Deferred assets .....	44,661	
	578,423	
Other		
Transfer of loans and financing to short-term .....	645,029	
Increases in noncurrent assets .....	15,573	
Deferred income tax and social contribution .....		
Decrease in long-term loans and financing .....	36,620	
Other .....	6	
	697,228	
	1,275,651	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET WORKING CAPITAL .....	(405,873)	
CHANGES IN NET WORKING CAPITAL		
Current assets		
- At end of period .....	4,374,028	3,
- At beginning of period .....	4,257,340	2,
	116,688	
Current liabilities		
- At end of period .....	3,965,975	3,
- At beginning of period .....	3,443,414	3,

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			522,561
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET WORKING CAPITAL .....			(405,873)
Sources of Funds			
Funds provided by third parties - Long-term			
Loans and financing resources .....		275,770	
Other .....		34,396	310,166
Uses of Funds			
Funds used in permanent assets			
Investments .....	(5,409)		
Property, plant and equipment .....	484,252		
Deferred assets .....	30,041	508,884	
Other			
Increase in Long Term Assets .....		1,225	510,109
Net Current .....			(199,943)
ACCOUNTING CASH FLOW			
Cash Flow from operating activities			
Increase in Assets			
Current Assets .....		883	
Long Term Assets .....		1,225	2,108
Increase in Liabilities			
Current Liability (except for loans and financing) .....		(161,883)	
Long Term Liability (except for loans and financing) ...		(34,396)	(196,279)
Cash Flow from investing activities			
Investments .....	(5,409)		
Property, plant and equipment .....	484,252		
Deferred assets .....	30,041	508,884	
Cash Flow from financing activities			
Loans and financing			
Current Assets .....		(38,943)	

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Long Term Assets .....	(275,770)	(314,713)
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17.01 SPECIAL REVIEW REPORT - QUALIFIED

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(Convenience Translation into English from the Original Previously Issued in Portuguese)

Independent Accountants Special Review Report

To the Stockholders and Management of Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional Rio de Janeiro RJ

1. We have conducted a special review on the quarterly report (ITRs) of COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL (a Brazilian corporation), which includes the individual (Parent Company) and consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2003, the related statements of income, the performance report and the relevant information for the quarter then ended, presented in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil, prepared under the responsibility of the Company's management.
2. Our review was conducted in accordance with specific standards established by the Brazilian Institute of Accountants - IBRACON, together with the Federal Accounting Council (CFC), and mainly comprised: (a) inquiries and discussions with the Company's management responsible for the accounting, financial and operating areas as to the principal criteria adopted in the preparation of the quarterly information; and (b) review of the information and subsequent events that had or may have significant effects on the Company's financial position and operations.
3. As described in note 13 to the quarterly financial information, the Company, its affiliate MRS Logística S.A. and its subsidiary GalvaSud S.A. elected to defer net losses arising from exchange rate changes in year 2001, in conformity with Provisional Measure No. 3/2001 and Deliberations no. 404/2001 and 409/2001 from Comissão de Valores Mobiliários - CVM. Accounting practices adopted in Brazil, require the recognition in income of the effects of exchange rate changes during the period in which they occurred. As a result, as of March 31, 2003, stockholders' equity is overstated by approximately R\$134,718 thousand (R\$157,647 thousand as of December 31, 2002), and the net profit for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 is understated by approximately R\$22,929 thousand, (net loss for the quarter ended on March 31, 2002 was overstated by approximately R\$221,587 thousand) net of fiscal effects.
4. Based on our special review, except for the effects of the matter mentioned in paragraph (3), we are not aware of any material modification that should be made to the quarterly report referred to in paragraph (1) above for it to be in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil, applied in compliance with the standards laid down by CVM

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(Brazilian Securities Commission), specifically applicable to the preparation of the quarterly information.

5. As described in note 21 to the quarterly information, as of March 31, 2003, the Company and its affiliates recorded, under current assets, accounts receivable in the amount of R\$312,903 thousand, related to energy sales transactions carried out in the Wholesale Energy Market MAE based on evaluations made and disclosed by MAE and/or on estimates prepared by the Company's management, in the absence of such information by MAE. This amount may be subject to alteration, depending on the outcome of current judicial processes, filed by agents of the electric energy market, with respect of the interpretation of market regulations in effect. The success of this negotiation and its settlement depend on the agent's financial capacity to meet their commitments.
6. The individual and consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2002 presented for comparative purposes, were audited by us, and our report, dated February 26, 2003 included qualification with respect to the deferral of net negative exchange variations in the first quarter of 1999, and for the year 2001. The individual and consolidated statements of income in the quarter ended March 31, 2002, presented for comparative purposes, were reviewed by other independent accountants, whose report, dated May 8, 2002, contains qualification with respect to the deferral of net negative exchange variations in the first quarter of 1999 and in the year 2001, and also with respect to the division of responsibility with other independent accountants, that reviewed the financial statements of affiliates, subsidiaries and joint subsidiaries.
7. Our special review was conducted for the purpose of issuing a report on the quarterly information referred to in paragraph (1) above, taken as a whole. The Supplementary Information related to the Value-added Statement, presented in note 24, to the Statement of Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (Ebitda) in note 25, and to the Statements of Changes in Financial Position and of Cash Flows presented in Attachment 16.01 to the quarterly information are presented for the purposes of allowing additional analyzes and are not required as part of the basic quarterly report. These information were reviewed according with the review procedures mentioned in paragraph (2) above, and based on our special review, are fairly stated, in all material aspects, in relation to the Quarterly Information taken as a whole.
8. The accompanying financial statements have been translated into English for the convenience of readers outside Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, May 2, 2003



**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: May 20, 2003

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By:           /s/ Otavio de Garcia Lazcano          

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

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