NATIONAL STEEL CO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 August, 2006

Commission File Number 1-14732

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

National Steel Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima 3400, 20º andar
São Paulo, SP, Brazil
04538-132
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F ___X___ Form 40-F _____

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes _____ No ___X____

MATERIAL FACT

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL
Rua São José nº 20, Grupo 1602
Rio de Janeiro/RJ
Corporate Taxpayers ID (CNPJ): 33.042.730/0001 -04

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN or Company) announces the transfer today, August 31 2006, of all the shares in Lusosider Projectos Siderúrgicos S.A. held by Corus Staal B.V., a subsidiary of Corus Group Plc (Corus), to CSN Steel Corp, a CSN subsidiary.

The transaction was completed after compliance with various conditions established in the Share Purchase Agreement, as outlined in the Material Fact of May 10, 2006. Outright control of Lusosider Projectos Siderúrgicos S.A. was acquired for EUR 25,000,000.00 (twenty-five million euros).

The transaction reinforces the Company s commitment to its globalization strategy, expanding its operations abroad through the acquisition of finishing lines close to the major steel consuming markets.

Rio de Janeiro, August 31, 2006.
Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional
Benjamin Steinbruch
Investor Relations Officer

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 31, 2006

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

Benjamin Steinbruch
Chief Executive Officer and
Acting Chief Financial
Officer

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