

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
December 16, 2009

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

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**FORM 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the month of December, 2009**

**Commission File Number 1-14732**

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**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**National Steel Company**  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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

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

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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

Yes  No

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**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

Publicly-held Company

Corporate Taxpayers ID (CNPJ/MF) 33.042.730/0001 -04

Companies Registry (NIRE) 3330001159-5

**NOTICE TO THE MARKET**

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL, as a complement to the notice to the market released on September 28, 2009, informs that its Board of Directors, in a meeting held on December 15, 2009, (i) approved the segregation of assets related to the iron ore business and correlated logistics activities, upon the transfer, to a Company's subsidiary, of assets, rights and obligations comprising said business, including the investments in operating companies related to such business; (ii) authorized the Company's Executive Management to hire appraisal companies to provide the accounting valuation of said assets, rights and obligations; and (iii) authorized the Company's Executive Management to take all measures, identify and obtain eventual previous authorizations necessary for the implementation of said segregation, including, but not limited to, authorizations from governmental bodies and third parties. The implementation of acts described in items (ii) and (iii) is expected to occur during the first quarter of 2010.

Rio de Janeiro, December 16, 2009

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

Paulo Penido Pinto Marques

Investor Relations Executive Officer

**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: December 16, 2009

**COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL**

By:           /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

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

By:           /s/ Paulo Penido Pinto  
                  Marques

**Paulo Penido Pinto Marques**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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