

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
April 22, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 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 April 22, 2003

Commission File Number: 1-14732

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

Rua Lauro Müller, 116 36° andar  
Rio de Janeiro, RJ Brazil  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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The attached material is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 13a-16 and Form 6-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Report contains a press release describing a proposed acquisition of an interest in a Portuguese steel maker.

**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.

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional

By: /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano  
Name: Otávio de Garcia Lazcano  
Title: Principal Financial Officer

Dated April 22, 2003