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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 July 15, 2003

Commission File Number: 1-14732

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

Rua Lauro Muller, 116 - 360 andar
 Rio de Janeiro, RJ - Brazil
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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Yes _____ No _X__

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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 an English translation of a notice announcing the proposed acquisition of Companhia Siderurgica Nacional, LLC. The transaction will not affect CSN's U.S. GAAP consolidated financial statements because Companhia Siderurgica Nacional, LLC has been included in those consolidated financial statements since July 2001.

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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 Siderurgica Nacional

By: /s/ Otavio de Garcia Lazcano

Name: Otavio de Garcia Lazcano Title: Principal Financial Officer

Dated: July 16, 2003