

NATIONAL STEEL CO
Form 6-K
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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, 2011
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 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

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

Publicly-Held Company

Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF): 33.042.730/0001-04

Corporate Registry (NIRE): 35300396090

NOTICE OF MATERIAL FACT

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL (“Company”) hereby informs the market that, on August 19, 2011, it increased its interest in the capital stock of Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. - Usiminas (“Usiminas”), through the acquisition of preferred and common shares. As a result, the Company now holds 15.15% of preferred shares and 11.29% of common shares issued by Usiminas.

The Company does not detain any additional share subscription, stock option or debenture rights, nor has it entered into any agreement or contract regulating the exercise of voting rights or the purchase and sale of securities issued by Usiminas.

The Company is currently assessing alternative strategies in relation to its investment in Usiminas, as informed in the Notice of Material Fact released on January 27, 2011.

São Paulo, August 19, 2011

David Moise Salama

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 19, 2011

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: _____ /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

Benjamin Steinbruch
Chief Executive Officer

By: _____ /s/ David Moise Salama

David Moise Salama
Investor Relations Executive Officer

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