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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 September, 2004

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)

Rua Lauro Muller, 116 - sala 3702

Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Federative Republic of Brazil

(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

For immediate release

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CSN ANNOUNCES PROPOSED OFFERING OF GUARANTEED NOTES DUE 2015

(São Paulo, Brazil September 9, 2004) - Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN) (BOVESPA: CSNA3) (NYSE: SID) announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary CSN Islands IX Corp., (the "Issuer") intends to offer guaranteed notes due 2015 by means of a private placement to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A, and in offshore transactions pursuant to Regulation S, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The aggregate principal amount of such notes is anticipated to be U.S.\$200,000,000. CSN will use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of short-term indebtedness as it comes due.

CSN and the Issuer expect to file a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and to use their reasonable best efforts to exchange the notes for others registered with the SEC on or before October 31, 2005.

The notes have not been and, at the time of the offering, will not be, registered under the Securities Act, or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an applicable exemption from, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell the notes in the United States.

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Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional, located in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is a steel complex integrated by investments in infrastructure and logistics, that combines in its operation captive mines, an integrated steel mill, service centers, ports and railways. With a total annual production capacity of 5,800,000 tonnes of crude steel and gross revenues of R\$ 8.3 billion reported in 2003, CSN is also the only tin-plate producer in Brazil and one of the five largest tin-plate producers worldwide.

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: September 09, 2004

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Otavio de Garcia Lazcano

Otavio de Garcia Lazcano
Principal Financial Officer

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