

NATIONAL STEEL CO
Form 6-K
August 25, 2006

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, 2006

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 ☒

NOTICE TO THE MARKET

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

Rua São José nº 20, Grupo 1602, parte

Rio de Janeiro/RJ

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

Clinker plant equipment supply and project agreement

- Following on **Notice to the Market of August 17, 2006**, CSN announces that **CSN Cimentos S.A.** has signed an equipment supply and project agreement for its clinker plant, located in the municipality of Arcos in the state of Minas Gerais, with two Chinese companies – Shenyang Heavy Machinery Group and Chengdu Design Institute.
- Commenting on the agreement, **Marcos Paim**, the CSN executive in charge of the enterprise declared: "The hiring of these services combines three significant benefits: **competitive price, safe and secure implementation**, given that this is the most-used model in China, and a **fully up-to-date and highly cost-effective production process**".

Rio de Janeiro, August 25, 2006

Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional

Benjamin Steinbruch

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 25, 2006

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

**Benjamin Steinbruch
Chief Executive Officer and
Acting Chief Financial
Officer**

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