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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2007

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COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

National Steel Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Rio de Janeiro, February 28, 2007

CSN is a leading global steel producer with operations in Latin America, North America, and Europe. The Company is a fully integrated steel producer, the largest coated steel producer in Brazil, with current capacity of 5.6 million tons of crude steel, 5.1 million tons of rolled products and 2.9 million tons of coated steel capacity. Over 50% of CSN production consists of high value added steel products. CSN is also the sole tin-plate producer in Brazil and the fifth largest producer of tin plate in the world.

CSN's process is based on the integrated steelworks concept that uses the Company's own sources of iron ore, limestone and dolomite. Besides its captive mines, CSN controls logistics assets - ports and railways which enable an extremely cost efficient operation. This concept allows CSN to continuously capture important levels of synergies, thus assuring its position as one of the most cost competitive steel producers in the world.

CSN INAUGURATES IRON ORE EXPORT TERMINAL

First Shipment of 65,000 tones delivered to Bahrain from CSN's Port of Itaguaí

On February 25, 2007, Companhia Siderrgica Nacional (CSN) completed its first iron ore shipment operation to the international iron-ore market from its own and dedicated sea terminal at the Port of Itaguaí (State of Rio de Janeiro), exporting approximately 65,000 tonnes of iron ore acquired from third parties. This first delivery was made to Bahrain, in the Middle East, and was entirely successful.

CSN expects to ship a further 450,000 tonnes in March, through logistics operations utilizing five additional ships. Four more vessels have already been confirmed for the month of April 2007, and they are planned to carry approximately 350,000 extra tones. All of these iron ore shipments are aimed to the Asian markets.

The inauguration of our Iron Ore Exporting Terminal marks CSN's start in the overseas iron-ore market, and gives us yet another important means of adding value to the company's shareholders, commented Juarez Saliba, CSN's Executive Officer and Head of Mining Operations.

With total investments of US\$ 260 million, the Itaguaí Terminal has now an initial handling capacity of 7 million metric tons of iron ore per year, already designed to be raised to 30 million, by 2008.

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