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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 January, 2008

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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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Yes ☐ No ☒

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Source: Macquarie Research

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Largest Chinese cities:

Population of 1.5 to 4.5 million and GDP per capita of US\$1,500 to US\$3,000

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Source: IBS

Source: IBRAM

Positive outlook for 2008 steel demand:

Expected increases in maritime freight charges and the price of the main raw materials should motivate international steel producers to adjust upwards their own prices in order to preserve their operating margins;

Growth in global demand for iron ore and steel products:

Intensive use of steel

Urbanization

Globalization

Opening of new markets

Demand growth driven by China, India, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the other Asian countries;

Favorable outlook for CSN, given its self-sufficiency regarding practically all its inputs

**BRIEF
BACKGROUND**

CSN was founded on April 9, 1941 and privatized in 1993

As the first integrated flat steel producer in Brazil, CSN played a historical role in the country's industrialization process

Since its privatization up to now, CSN has invested more than US\$ 4 billion raising total production capacity to 5.6 millions tons of crude steel per annum, improved quality and productivity levels and enhanced environmental protection

**PRODUCTION
FLOW**

Self-sufficiency in practically all relevant raw materials for steel production - in special, Casa de Pedra captive iron ore mine and three power plants - along with equity participation or operating concessions of outstanding infra-structure assets, positions CSN not only as a truly low-cost producer but also one of the most independent, reliable and profitable steel producing systems, worldwide

ONE OF THE LOWEST COST PRODUCERS IN THE WORLD
(Indexed to 100)

EBITDA MARGIN RANKING (%)

Source: Bloomberg

Mining

Casa de Pedra Mine

Current capacity : 16 Mtpy

Future capacity : 65 Mtpy

Mineral resources of ~ 8.4 billion t

Proven Reserves* : 1.6 billion t

NAMISA

Future capacity : 15 Mtpy

Pelletizing Plant (Casa de Pedra)

Future capacity : 6 Mtpy

* Audited by Golder Associates S.A. (recognized by SEC).

Logistics

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
PRODUCTION								
Casa de Pedra	17.0	30.0	40.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
NAMISA	6.5	7.5	6.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Purchases (NAMISA)	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
TOTAL PRODUCTION	30.5	44.5	52.0	65.0	75.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
DOMESTIC MARKET								
Volta Redonda	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
CSN 1st New Plant	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
CSN 2st New Plant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	7.2	7.2	7.2
Others	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
TOTAL DOMESTIC MARKET	12.8	12.8	12.5	13.5	22.7	26.9	26.9	26.9
EXPORTS	23.8	33.0	43.0	51.5	52.3	58.1	58.1	58.1
PORT CAPACITY	25.8	40.0	50.0	55.0	65.0	70.0	70.0	70.0
TOTAL SALES (excl. CSN)	28.3	37.5	47.0	55.5	56.3	62.1	62.1	62.1
TOTAL SALES (incl. CSN)	36.6	45.8	55.5	65.0	75.0	85.0	85.0	85.0

2008

TOTAL PRODUCTION (*)	30.50
CASA DE PEDRA	17.00
NAMISA	13.50
PRODUCTION	6.50
PURCHASE	7.00
TOTAL SALES	36.60
DOMESTIC MARKET	12.80
CASA DE PEDRA	12.30
UPV	8.30
OTHERS	4.00
NAMISA	0.50
EXTERNAL MARKET	23.80
CASA DE PEDRA	10.60
NAMISA	13.20
OTHERS (PORT)	2.00
PORT CAPACITY	25.80

(*) PURCHASE INCLUDED

PHASES	Scheduled	Paid-up (Sep07)	Balance	1.00 US\$ = R\$ 2.00
CASA DE PEDRA	1,640	416	1,224	
MINE	290	140	150	
40 Mt/y	140	140	0	
45 Mt/y	20	-	20	
65 Mt/y	130	-	130	
PROCESSING	1,350	276	1,074	
40 Mt/y	480	275	205	
45 Mt/y	170	1	169	
65 Mt/y	700	-	700	
ITAGUAI PORT	690	200	490	
1st Phase (7 Mt/y)	110	110	0	
2nd Phase (30 Mt/y)	90	90	-	
3rd Phase (45 Mt/y)	140	-	140	
4th Phase (70 Mt/y)	350	-	350	
SUBTOTAL	2,330	616	1,714	
PELLETIZING - 6 Mt/y	540	5	535	
TOTAL	2,870	621	2,249	

View of the activities at the Mine

Iron ore stock yard, at the Mine



New Iron Ore Unloader

**1st. Iron Ore Shipment:
Feb. 07**

Production from the Casa de Pedra Mine totaled 3.87 million tonnes of iron ore in the 3Q07.

Year-to-date output came to 11.71 million tonnes.

NAMISA: 3Q07 production of 1.27 million tonnes.

Year-to-date volume transferred from CdP to Presidente Vargas = 5.27 million tonnes.

Consolidated 3Q07 sales volume of 3.31 million tonnes (59% up on 2Q07).

Year-to-date total sales volume of 6.54 million tonnes.

The domestic market absorbed 51% of this total, equivalent to 3.36 million tonnes.

Export volume totaled 3.18 million tonnes of iron ore.

Inventories: 12.36 million tonnes of iron ore at the close of the 3Q07, including CFM.

CSN aims at expanding its slab production capacity by 9 million tonnes/year;
This total is planned to be produced through Medium Size Blast Furnaces of 1.5 MM tonnes of capacity per year (Chinese technology);
Allocations: Itaguaí Port in Rio de Janeiro State; Casa de Pedra Mine in Minas Gerais; Volta Redonda Steel Mill and probably in the Northeast;
Economic feasibility study for the Itaguaí site concluded; previous environmental license has been obtained and the final license is expected as of Jan.2008;
Total CAPEX for 9 million tonnes of slabs ~ US\$ 6 billion (including equipment, project management and engineering).

OBJECTIVE: Establishment of new businesses and markets, with annual production of 500,000 tonnes of long steel (rebars and wire rods)

INVESTMENTS: US\$ 113 Million

MARKET: Construction and Industry

CONCLUSION EXPECTED: End of 2008

OBJECTIVE: To add value to the slag produced in the Blast Furnaces through grinding and the production of 2.5 million t/y of cement types CPII and CPIII.

MARKET:

Retail - 90% (50 kg sacks) and Wholesale - 10%;

INVESTMENTS:

1st phase (Grinding): US\$ 104 Million

2nd phase (Clinker): US\$ 81 Million
US\$ 185 Million

PAID UP: US\$ 37 Million (R\$69 Million);

SCHEDULE: 1S08 (1st phase)

**Slag in Presidente Vargas Steel Mill
Volta Redonda - RJ**

3rd Quarter Results

Outlook positive for Brazil:

GDP growth

Reduction in interest rates

Strong domestic consumption growth

Installed capacity use reached 86%, the highest level in the last 30 years (Source: FGV)

Domestic flat steel* sales volume market moved up 18% year on-year in the 3Q07, led by the following sectors:

Construction: 9M07 x 9M06 => 11 %;

Automotive: 2007 sales expected to reach record levels of 2.4 million units

Capital goods: year-on-year growth of 28% in the first nine months of 2007

Home appliance/OEM: expectations of 20% retail sales growth in the 4Q07

*** Flat Steel = SLABS + heavy plates + hot-rolled + cold-rolled + galvanized + tin mill products
+ special steel.**

CSN posted Net Income of R\$ 699 million in the third quarter of 2007, 109% more than in the 3Q06. Net Income in the first nine months totaled R\$ 2.4 billion, 123% up year-on-year and a new Company record;

Crude steel production moved up 10%, from 1.3 million tonnes, in the 3Q06, to 1.4 million tonnes in the 3Q07;

Third-quarter steel product sales volume totaled 1.3 million tonnes, representing growth of 7% over the 3Q06. Year-to-date sales volume came to 4.0 million tonnes, 24% up on the 9M06 and another Company record;

Net revenue amounted to R\$ 3.0 billion in the 3Q07, 14% up on the 3Q06, and R\$ 8.4 billion in the first nine months, also a new period record and a year-on-year increase of 30%;

EBITDA stood at R\$ 1.3 billion in the 3Q07, 43% above the 3Q06 figure, and R\$ 3.6 billion year-to-date, also a historical record;

The consolidated 3Q07 EBITDA margin came to 44%, 9 percentage points up on the same three months in 2006, while the parent company's margin exceeded 51%, up by 14 percentage points year-on-year;

Slab production costs averaged US\$ 265/t in 2007 through September, despite the 15.0% appreciation of the Real in the last 12 months, once again maintaining CSN as one of the most competitive and profitable producers in the global steel industry.

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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.

Date: January 29, 2008

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By: /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

Benjamin Steinbruch
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano

Otávio de Garcia Lazcano
Chief Financial Officer

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