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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 August, 2008

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)

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São Paulo, SP, Brazil
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(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.

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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 ___X____

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Net revenue of R$ 3.6 billion in the 2Q08, a quarterly record, 19% up year-on-year. First-half net revenue stood at R$ 6.6 billion, also a new record, 21% over the same period in 2007;

EBITDA of R$ 1.7 billion in the 2Q08, another quarterly record, 33% up on 1Q08 and 2Q07. EBITDA in the 1H08 reached R$ 3.0 billion, yet another record and a 30% year-on-year improvement;

Parent-company and consolidated EBITDA margin stood at 50% and 48% in the 2Q08, respectively, up by 5 p.p. and 6 p.p. over the 1Q08. CSN has been consistently recording EBITDA margins of above 40% for more than 7 years;

Gross profit totaled R$ 1.7 billion in the 2Q08 and R$ 2.9 billion in the 1H08, both of which also new records;

In the 2Q08 net income exceeded R$ 1.0 billion, 34% higher than the previous quarter;

In the 1H08, net income reached R$ 1.8 billion, the best six-month result in the Company's history, 5% up on the same period last year. Excluding non-recurring items from 1H07 figures, 1H08 net income would have grown 59%, or R$666 million;

Parent-company and consolidated domestic flat-steel sales accounted for 92% and 83%, respectively, of total sales volume in the 2Q08. First-half sales in the domestic market totaled 2.2 million tonnes, 36% up year-on-year;

1H08 price hikes: 31% for hot-rolled, 20% for cold-rolled, 10% for galvanized and 12% for tin plate products. New price increases in July 2008 for hot-rolled, cold-rolled and galvanized of 15% each.

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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, 2008

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By: /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch

Benjamin Steinbruch
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Otávio de Garcia Lazcano

Otávio de Garcia Lazcano
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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