

NATIONAL STEEL CO  
Form 6-K  
December 18, 2009

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 December, 2009**

**Commission File Number 1-14732**

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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)

**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.

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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

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**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL, HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2009, DRAWN UP IN THE SUMMARY FORMAT.**

Companies Registry (NIRE): 33300011595  
Corporate Taxpayers ID (CNPJ): 33.042.730/0001 -04

**Date:** December 17, 2009

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Av. Brigadeiro Faria Lima, 3400, 20º andar, in the city and state of São Paulo

**Attendees:** Benjamin Steinbruch (Chairman), Jacks Rabinovich, Antonio Francisco dos Santos, Fernando Perrone, Dionísio Dias Carneiro Netto, Gilberto Sayão da Silva and Yoshiaki Nakano - Board Members and Claudia Maria Sarti (Secretary of the Meeting).

**Agenda: Interest on Equity Payment Proposal** The Board of Directors ( Board ), by unanimous vote of attending board members, in compliance with the provisions of Article 31 of the Company s Bylaws and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 204 of Law 6,404/76, approved, as an advance of the mandatory minimum dividend, the proposal of the Board of Executive Officers for the payment to the Company s shareholders of R\$ 320,000,000.00 (three hundred and twenty million reais) as interest on equity, to the account of income computed in the balance sheet as of June 30, 2009, this amount being subject to a fifteen per cent (15%) withholding income tax, or to a twenty-five per cent (25%) withholding income tax for those shareholders domiciled in the country who do not assess income or assess it at the maximum rate lower than twenty per cent (20%), as provided for by Article 8 of Law 9,779/99. Interest on Equity will be paid, without monetary adjustment in two installments, as follows: (i) R\$250,000,000.00 (two hundred fifty million reais) as of December 29, 2009; and (ii) R\$70,000,000.00 (seventy million reais) in 2010, on a date to be defined by the Board of Directors.

As interest on equity approved hereof are an advance to the minimum mandatory dividend, such approval shall be ratified at the Company s Annual Shareholders Meeting, and, therefore, be included in the proposal for 2009 earnings allocation.

This is a free English translation of the original minutes filed at the Company s Headquarters.

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

Claudia Maria Sarti  
Secretary of the Meeting of Board of Directors

**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: December 18, 2009

COMPANHIA SIDERÚRGICA NACIONAL

By:           /s/ Benjamin Steinbruch          

**Benjamin Steinbruch**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

By:           /s/ Paulo Penido Pinto  
              Marques                              

**Paulo Penido Pinto Marques**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

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