

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 19, 2004

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-640
(Commission
File Number)

13-5267260
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, TX 75240-2697
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(972) 233-1700
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Item 9: Regulation FD Disclosure

The registrant hereby furnishes the information set forth in the press release issued on February 19, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including the exhibit, the registrant furnishes in this report is not deemed "filed" for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Registration statements or other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission shall not incorporate this information by reference, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ A. Andrew R. Louis
A. Andrew R. Louis
Assistant Secretary

Date: February 19, 2004

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated February 19, 2004 issued by NL Industries, Inc.

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Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES 2004 FIRST QUARTER DIVIDEND

DALLAS, TEXAS - February 19, 2004 - NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) announced that its board of directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend equal to twenty cents per share on its common stock. The dividend will be paid in the form of common stock of Kronos Worldwide, Inc. ("Kronos") (NYSE: KRO) owned by the Company, valued based on the closing sale price of Kronos common stock on February 18, 2004 of \$28.00 per share. The dividend is payable on March 29, 2004 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 11, 2004. Shareholders will receive cash in lieu of fractional shares of Kronos common stock to be paid in the dividend.

NL Industries, Inc. is a major international producer of titanium dioxide pigments.

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