

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 1998

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

New Jersey 1-640 13-5267260
(State or other (Commission File No.) (Employer ID No.)
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77060
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (281) 423-3300

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On , the Registrant issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(i) Exhibit 99.1. Press Release dated October 21, 1998.

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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.

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ Dennis G. Newkirk
Dennis G. Newkirk
Vice President & Controller

Dated: October 22, 1998

Dennis G. Newkirk
(281) 423-3332

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER DIVIDEND

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- October 21, 1998 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of three cents per share on its common stock, payable December 30, 1998 to shareholders of record December 16, 1998.

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

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