

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): July 20, 1999

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NL INDUSTRIES, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New Jersey                                      1-640                                      13-5267260

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(State or other                      (Commission File No.)                      (Employer ID No.)  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 1200, Houston, Texas                      77060

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(Address of principal executive offices)    (Zip Code)

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

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Not Applicable

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On July 20, 1999, 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 July 20, 1999.

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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/Robert D. Hardy  
Vice President & Controller

Dated: July 22, 1999

Susan E. Alderton  
Chief Financial Officer  
(281) 423-3332

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER DIVIDEND

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- July 20, 1999 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of three and a half cents per share on its common stock, payable September 30, 1999 to shareholders of record September 16, 1999.

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

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