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): November 19, 1999

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	NORTH	CHASE	DR.,	SUITE	1200	, HOUSTON,	TEXAS	77060
(Addre	ess of	prind	cipal	execut	cive d	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 November 19, 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 November 19, 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: November 23, 1999

Susan E. Alderton 212/423-3332

EXHIBIT 99.1

For Immediate Release

NL Industries, Inc. Announces Share Repurchase Program

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- (November 19, 1999) -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE - NL) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 1.5 million shares of its Common Stock in open market transactions, including block purchases, or in privately negotiated transactions. The shares to be repurchased represent approximately 3 % of the Company's 51.6 million shares outstanding. The stock may be purchased from time to time as the Company's financial condition and market conditions permit.

The repurchase program does not include specific price targets or timetables and may be suspended at any time. Depending on financial and market conditions, the program could be terminated prior to completion. NL will use its cash on hand to acquire the shares. Repurchased shares will be added to NL's treasury, and could be used for employee benefit plans, future acquisitions or other corporate purposes.

In the fourth quarter through yesterday the Company has purchased 205,600 shares at an average price per share of \$11.27 per share, which is included in the program described above.

NL, headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a major international producer of titanium dioxide pigments.

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