

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): February 10, 1999

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

New Jersey	1-640	13-5267260

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

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 February 10, 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 February 10, 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/David B. Garten
David B. Garten
Vice President, Secretary &
General Counsel

Dated: February 12, 1999

Dennis G. Newkirk
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EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. INCREASES DIVIDEND

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- February 10, 1999 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in the Company's regular quarterly dividend from three cents to three and a half cents per share and has declared a regular quarterly dividend on its common stock, payable March 31, 1999 to shareholders of record March 17, 1999.

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

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