

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): February 9, 2000

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.

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(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

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 9, 2000, 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 9, 2000.

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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: February 10, 2000

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

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN DIVIDEND

HOUSTON, TEXAS - February 9, 2000 - NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of fifteen cents per share on its common stock, payable March 31, 2000 to shareholders of record March 16, 2000. J. Landis Martin, President and CEO, said, "In light of the positive outlook for the titanium dioxide industry and NL's significant liquidity and strong balance sheet, we are pleased to announce a substantial increase in our dividend."

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

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