

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 15, 1996

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 (713) 423-3300

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 15, 1996, 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 15, 1996.

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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: February 16, 1996

Joseph S. Compofelice
(713) 423-3332

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. RESUMES DIVIDEND

Houston, Texas February 15, 1996 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a dividend of ten cents per share on its common stock, payable March 15, 1996 to shareholders of record March 1, 1996. J. Landis Martin, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated "We are pleased to be resuming a regular quarterly dividend, reflecting our expectation that industry capacity utilization rates will increase during the next several years, despite current softness in titanium dioxide pigment prices."

NL Industries is a major international producer of titanium dioxide pigments and specialty chemicals.

The statements in this release relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, future global economic conditions, global titanium dioxide pigment productive capacity, competitive products and prices and other risks and uncertainties detailed in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

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