

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 6, 2003

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

New Jersey
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-640
(Commission File No.)

13-5267260
(Employer ID No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75240-2697
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(972) 233-1700

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

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

c) Exhibits

Item No.	Exhibit Index
99.1	Press Release dated November 6, 2003 issued by NL Industries, Inc.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The registrant hereby furnishes the information set forth in the press release issued on November 6, 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information, including the exhibit, the registrant furnishes in this report is not deemed "filed" for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Registration statements or other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission shall not incorporate this information by reference, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

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)

By: /s/ Robert D. Graham

Robert D. Graham
Vice President,
General Counsel & Secretary

Date: November 6, 2003

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES RECAPITALIZATION OF KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND
DISTRIBUTION OF KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. COMMON STOCK TO ITS SHAREHOLDERS

DALLAS, TEXAS - November 6, 2003 - NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) today announced that its Board of Directors has formally approved a plan to distribute to its shareholders on December 8, 2003 one share of common stock of Kronos Worldwide, Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, for every two shares of NL common stock outstanding as of the close of business on November 17, 2003. NL will distribute approximately 23.85 million shares of Kronos Worldwide's common stock, representing approximately 48.7% of the outstanding common stock of Kronos Worldwide. The plan also involves a recapitalization of Kronos Worldwide, immediately prior to the distribution of the shares of Kronos Worldwide common stock, through the distribution of a \$200 million promissory note payable by Kronos Worldwide to NL. Kronos Worldwide has filed a Form 10 registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the distribution of its common stock. Completion of the distribution is subject to, among other things, the effectiveness of the Form 10 registration statement. Kronos Worldwide has applied for the listing of its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange and expects that its common stock will be traded on such exchange under the trading symbol "KRO."

Kronos Worldwide is the world's fifth largest producer of titanium dioxide pigments, or TiO₂, with an estimated 12% share of worldwide TiO₂ sales volume in 2002. Approximately one-half of Kronos Worldwide's 2002 sales volume was in Europe, where Kronos Worldwide is the second largest producer of TiO₂. TiO₂ is a pigment used to whiten, brighten and add opacity to thousands of commonly used products, such as paints, plastics and paper, as well as fibers, rubbers, ceramics, inks and cosmetics.

The statements in this release relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that represent management's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "will," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expects," or comparable terminology or by discussions of strategy or trends. Although NL believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements by their nature involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the cyclical nature of the titanium dioxide industry, global economic and political conditions, changes in global productive capacity, changes in customer inventory levels, changes in product pricing, changes in product costing, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, competitive technology positions, operating interruptions (including, but not limited to, labor disputes, leaks, fires, explosions, unscheduled downtime, transportation interruptions, war and terrorist activities), the ultimate resolution of pending or possible future lead pigment litigation and legislative developments related to the lead paint litigation, the outcome of other litigation, and other risks and uncertainties detailed in the NL's and Kronos Worldwide's Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Should one or more of these risks materialize (or the consequences of such a development worsen), or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those forecasted or expected. NL disclaims any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.