

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): July 8, 2003

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New Jersey	1-640	13-5267260
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(Employer ID No.)

16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 1200, Houston, Texas	77060
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (281) 423-3300  
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Not Applicable

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

Item 7.

c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated July 8, 2003 issued by NL Industries, Inc.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.  
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The registrant hereby furnishes the information set forth in the press release issued on July 8, 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.

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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

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Robert D. Hardy  
Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer & Controller

Dated: July 14, 2003

NL Industries, Inc.  
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Houston, TX 77060

Contact: Harold Simmons  
Chairman of the Board  
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News Release  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL Announces Management Change

HOUSTON, TEXAS - July 8, 2003 - NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced today that J. Landis Martin has resigned as President, CEO and a director of NL Industries in order to devote more of his time to the operations of Titanium Metals Corporation (NYSE: TIE), where Mr. Martin serves as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Martin stated, "I have enjoyed my long association with NL and my colleagues there. TIMET, however, faces particularly complex challenges and opportunities during a prolonged and severe downturn in the aerospace industry. Stepping down as CEO of NL will allow me to devote more of my time to TIMET."

NL's current Chairman, Harold Simmons, will succeed Mr. Martin as CEO. Mr. Simmons stated, "We are grateful for all of Lanny Martin's significant contributions to NL during his 16 years as CEO. We are also very supportive of his desire to spend more of his time on the opportunities at TIMET. We wish him well in that endeavor and we are also pleased he will continue to serve NL as a consultant."

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