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): January 27, 1994

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) 13-5267260 New Jersey 1-640 13-5267260 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Employer Indentification of incorporation) No.) 3000 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas · (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 987-5000 Not Applicable (Former name of former address, if changed since last report)

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2 ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On January 27, 1994, 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 January 27, 1994.

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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 and General Counsel

Dated: January 28, 1994

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 1994

JOSEPH S. COMPOFELICE NAMED CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT NL INDUSTRIES AND TREMONT CORPORATION

- J. Landis Martin, president and chief executive officer of NL Industries and Tremont Corporation, today announced that Joseph S. Compofelice has been named vice president and chief financial officer for NL Industries, Inc. and Tremont Corporation, effective February 7, 1994.
- Mr. Compofelice was most recently vice president and chief financial officer for Baroid Corporation, an oilfield service company which merged with Dresser Industries on January 21. Prior to Baroid, he held executive positions with several oilfield services-related divisions of Smith International, Inc. over an 11-year period. Compofelice holds an MBA degree from Pepperdine University and a BS degree in accounting from California State University.
- NL Industries is a worldwide producer of titanium dioxide pigments, rheological additives and specialty chemicals. Tremont Corporation is an international producer of titanium metal products for a wide range of industries.