

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 15

Certification and Notice of Termination of Registration under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Suspension of Duty to File Reports Under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Commission File Number 1-640  
NL Industries, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

16825 Northchase Drive, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77060  
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Senior Secured Discount Notes Due 2005  
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(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

Common Stock, \$.125  
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(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rule 15d-6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: 5

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 NL Industries, Inc. has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

NL INDUSTRIES, INC.

DATE: August 20, 1997

BY: /s/ David B. Garten

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David B. Garten, Vice President and  
General Counsel