

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): March 18, 1999

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

New Jersey	1-640	13-5267260

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(Employer ID No.)

16825 Northchase Dr., Suite 1200, Houston, Texas	77060

(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (281) 423-3300

Not Applicable

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On March 18, 1999, 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 March 18, 1999.

* * * * *

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
& General Counsel

Dated: March 23, 1999

Susan E. Alderton
Chief Financial Officer
212.421.7202

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. HAS NEW CONTROLLER

HOUSTON, TEXAS -- March 17, 1999 -- NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) announced today that it has appointed Robert D. Hardy as Vice President, Controller of NL Industries. Mr. Hardy, who has been with NL since 1993, also will continue to oversee the Company's tax affairs.

Susan E. Alderton, Chief Financial Officer of NL Industries said "Robert is a proven executive with a thorough understanding of NL's operations. He will be a great asset to the Company and our management team in his new position."

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

#