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STATE OF INCORPORATION: NJ
FISCAL YEAR END: 1231

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BUSINESS PHONE: 2814233300

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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): May 11, 2000

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

Not Applicable

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

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Item 5. Other Events.

On May 11, 2000, 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.

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(c) Exhibits

(i) Exhibit 99.1. Press Release dated May 11, 2000.

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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
Robert D. Hardy
Vice President & Controller

Dated: May 18, 2000

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Susan E. Alderton
Chief Financial Officer
(281) 423-3332

EXHIBIT 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NL INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER DIVIDEND

HOUSTON, TEXAS - May 11, 2000 - NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of fifteen cents per share on its common stock, payable June 30, 2000 to shareholders of record June 15, 2000.

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

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