

For Immediate Release

NL Industries, Inc. Announces Second Quarter Dividend

Houston, Texas – May 9, 2001 – NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE:NL) announced that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of twenty cents per share on its common stock, payable June 27, 2001 to shareholders of record June 13, 2001. NL Industries, Inc. is a major international producer of titanium dioxide pigments