



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

05 August 2003

## FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND AND NOTICE OF BOOKS CLOSURE

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The Board of Directors of NatSteel Ltd (the "Company") refers to the first and final dividend of 110% or S\$0.55 for each ordinary share of S\$0.50 in the capital of the Company which had been recommended by the Board for the financial year ended 31 December 2002 (the "Special Dividend"). The shareholders of the Company have, at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 31 July 2003, approved, inter alia, the payment of the Special Dividend and any financial assistance which may be given by the Company in connection with the acquisition of shares in the capital of the Company.

Accordingly, the Board wishes to advise that assuming that no applications are made to the High Court of the Republic of Singapore (the "Court") opposing the said financial assistance, the earliest date for payment of the Special Dividend will be on or about 18 September 2003.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to there being no applications to the Court opposing the said financial assistance, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5.00 p.m. on 1 September 2003 to 5.00 p.m. on 8 September 2003 for the preparation of dividend warrants. Duly completed transfers received by the Company's share registrar, Macronet Information Pte Ltd at 4 Shenton Way, #03-01, SGX Centre 2, Singapore 068807, up to the close of business at 5.00 p.m. on 26 June 2003 will be registered to determine shareholders' entitlements to the Special Dividend. In respect of the ordinary shares of the Company held in securities accounts with The Central Depository (Pte) Limited ("CDP"), the Special Dividend will be paid by the Company to CDP which will in turn distribute the dividend entitlements to shareholders.

By Order of the Board

Lim Su-Ling  
Company Secretary  
5 August 2003

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