

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

<b>In re:</b>	)	<b>Case No. 02-08699</b>
	)	<b>(Jointly Administered)</b>
<b>NATIONAL STEEL CORPORATION,</b>	)	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b><u>et al.</u>,</b>	)	<b>Honorable John H. Squires</b>
	)	<b>Hearing Date: March 9, 2004</b>
<b>Debtors.</b>	)	<b>Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.</b>

**ORDER ALLOWING FINAL COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TO PIPER RUDNICK LLP AS  
COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS AND GRANTING OTHER RELIEF**

This cause coming to be heard on the Final Application of Piper Rudnick LLP for Allowance of Compensation For Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses As Counsel To the Debtors For the Period From March 6, 2002 Through and Including December 19, 2003 (the "Application"); copies of the Application having been served on the Notice Parties (as defined in Administrative Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331 Establishing Procedures for Periodic Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (Docket No. 34)(the "Administrative Order"); due notice of the Application having been provided to all parties on the Master and 2002 service lists by first-class mail; the Court having held a hearing on the Application on March 9, 2004; the Court having heard statements of counsel and having been otherwise fully advised in the premises,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Piper Rudnick LLP ("PR"), having requested final compensation in the amount of \$3,919,534.00, is allowed final compensation as counsel to the Debtors in the amount of \$3,919,534.00 for legal services rendered to the Debtors from March 6, 2002 through and including December 19, 2003.

2. PR, having requested reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$169,946.66, of which \$2,361.44 has been previously disallowed by this Court, is allowed <sup>167,490.49</sup>~~\$167,585.22~~ for reimbursement of expenses incurred from March 6, 2002 through and including December 19, 2003.

3. The Debtors are authorized and directed to pay PR \$112,466.75 in fees and \$2,724.60 in expenses, which represent the total amounts awarded pursuant to Piper Rudnick LLP's Final Application less amounts previously paid to PR by Debtors pursuant to the Administrative Order and this Court's prior Orders.

4. The Application and the entry of this Order are core proceedings within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

5. Notice of the Application is limited for good cause shown to that already provided and notice is appropriate under the circumstances under F.R. Bankr. P. 2002.

6. *All prior interim awards of fees and expense reimbursements are hereby approved and made final.*

Dated: Chicago, Illinois  
March 9, 2004

ENTERED

  
HONORABLE JOHN H. SQUIRES,  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**ORDER PREPARED BY:**

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