

NEWS RELEASE

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. to Announce First-Quarter 2009 Results April 29; Conference Call April 30

CLEVELAND – April 16, 2009 – Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (**NYSE: CLF**) (**Paris: CLF**) today said it intends to announce unaudited first-quarter 2009 results after the market closes Wed., April 29, 2009.

The Company invites interested parties to listen to a live broadcast of a conference call with securities analysts and institutional investors to discuss the results.

When: Thurs., April 30, at 10 a.m. ET

Hosts: Joseph A. Carrabba, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Laurie Brlas, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Steven R. Baisden, Director, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications

Web Address: <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com>

If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the call will be archived at <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com> for 30 days.

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About Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. is an international mining and natural resources company. We are the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America, a major supplier of direct-shipping lump and fines iron ore out of Australia and a significant producer of metallurgical coal. With core values of environmental and capital stewardship, our colleagues across the globe endeavor to provide all stakeholders operating and financial transparency as embodied in the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework.

Our Company is organized through three geographic business units. The North American business unit is comprised of six iron ore mines owned or managed in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada, and two coking coal mining complexes located in West Virginia and Alabama. The Asia Pacific business unit is comprised of two iron ore mining complexes in Western Australia and a 45% economic interest in a coking and thermal coal mine in Queensland, Australia. The Latin American business unit includes a 30% interest in the Amapá Project, an iron ore project in the state of Amapá in Brazil, as well as a number of smaller greenfield projects not yet in production.

Over recent years, Cliffs has been actively executing a strategy designed to achieve scale in the mining industry and focused on serving the world's largest and fastest growing steel markets.

News releases and other information on the Company are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com> or

www.cliffsnaturalresources.com/Investors/Pages/default.aspx?b=1041&1=1

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