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**CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.  
FILES FORM 8-Ks**

CLEVELAND, May 12, 2009 – Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE: CLF) (Paris: CLF) today informs its stockholders of the filing of two Current Reports on Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) announcing:

- i) effective January 1, 2009, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the “Company”) adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51* (“SFAS 160”) and that the following portions of the Company’s Form 10-K, including audited financial statements for the three years ended December 31, 2008 and as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008, have been updated solely to reflect the retrospective presentation and disclosure requirements of SFAS 160 that were not yet effective for the financial statements originally filed with the Form 10-K; and
- ii) in 2008 and 2009 a series of unpermitted releases of tailings and tailings water occurred at the Tilden Mine, 85% of which is owned by the Company and at the Empire Mine, 79% of which is owned by the Company, and that the Company is in discussions with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality about implementing corrective action.

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. makes available free of charge on its website, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, reports filed pursuant to Section 16 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and amendments to those reports filed with or furnished to the SEC as soon as reasonably practicable after Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. electronically files these documents with, or furnishes them to, the SEC. These documents are posted on Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.’s website at [www.cliffsnaturalresources.com](http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com) — under “For Investors”.

The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. These materials may be obtained electronically by accessing the SEC’s home page at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Copies of the above referenced information will also be made available, free of charge, by calling + 1 (216) 694-5700 or upon written request to:

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