

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. FILES FORM 8-K

CLEVELAND, July 31, 2009 – Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE: CLF) (Paris: CLF) today informs its stockholders of the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") announcing:

i) that its wholly owned subsidiary, Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC, is calling back to work about 100 employees at its Pinnacle and Green Ridge No. 1 mines. Employees are expected to return to work early in August.

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 — 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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