
NEWS RELEASE

**Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. to Present at
Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2009 Global Industries Conference**

CLEVELAND – Dec. 4, 2009 – Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (**NYSE: CLF**) (**Paris: CLF**) today announced that Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Laurie Brlas is scheduled to present at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Industries Conference being held at Crowne Plaza Times Square in New York City on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at 8:50 a.m. ET. The presentation will highlight the Company's international mining and natural resources operations, strategy and plans for the future.

Interested parties can access the live audio webcast of the presentation and accompanying slides on the Investor Relations Overview page on Cliffs' website: <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com>. Those who wish to listen to the live webcast are encouraged to visit Cliffs' website at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled presentation to allow enough time to complete the registration process. A replay of the webcast will be archived and available on Cliffs' website following the presentation.

To be added to Cliffs Natural Resources' e-mail distribution list, please click on the link below: <http://www.cpg-llc.com/clearsite/clf/emailoptin.html>.

ABOUT CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Cliffs Natural Resources 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 South American business unit includes a 30% interest in the Amapá Project, an iron ore project in the state of Amapá in Brazil.

Over recent years, Cliffs has been 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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