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## **Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Files Form 8-K**

**CLEVELAND—Dec. 21, 2009**—Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (**NYSE: CLF**) (**Paris: CLF**) today informs its stockholders that on Dec. 17, 2009, the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Company’s Board of Directors approved a special performance grant of 67,009 common shares to Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph A. Carrabba. A Form 8-K reporting this event has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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 <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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### **About Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE: CLF) 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-shipment 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>

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