

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Files Form 10-K

CLEVELAND, February 16, 2012 -- Regulatory News:

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (**NYSE: CLF**) (**Paris: CLF**) today informs its stockholders that the Company's Year-End Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, 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 www.cliffsnaturalresources.com — under "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:

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About Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. is an international mining and natural resources company. A member of the S&P 500 Index, the Company is a major global iron ore producer and a significant producer of high- and low-volatile metallurgical coal. Cliffs' strategy is to continually achieve greater scale and diversification in the mining industry through a focus on serving the world's largest and fastest growing steel markets. Driven by the core values of social, environmental and capital stewardship, Cliffs associates across the globe endeavor to provide all stakeholders operating and financial transparency.

The Company is organized through a global commercial group responsible for sales and delivery of Cliffs products and a global operations group responsible for the production of the minerals the Company markets. Cliffs operates iron ore and coal mines in North America and two iron ore mining complexes in Western Australia. The Company also has a 45% economic interest in a coking and thermal coal mine in Queensland, Australia. In addition, Cliffs has a major chromite project, in the pre-feasibility stage of development, located in Ontario, Canada.

News releases and other information on the Company are available on the Internet at:
<http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com>

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