

**Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. to Announce 2012 First-Quarter Financial Results April 25;
Conference Call April 26**

CLEVELAND, April 9, 2012 -- Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE: CLF) (Paris: CLF) today said it intends to announce unaudited 2012 first-quarter financial results after the U.S.-market close Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

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The Company invites interested parties to listen to a live broadcast of a conference call with securities analysts and institutional investors to discuss the results.

When: Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 10 a.m. ET

Hosts: Joseph A. Carrabba, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Laurie Brlas, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration & Chief Financial Officer

Steve Baisden, Vice President, Investor Relations and Communications

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If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the call will be archived at <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com/>.

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.

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