

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

February 16, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 15, 2012**

**Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-08944**  
(Commission

File Number)

**34-1464672**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44114-2315**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 694-5700**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2012, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. issued a news release announcing the fourth-quarter and full-year financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, unless such subsequent filing specifically references this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. news release dated February 15, 2012 captioned Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2011 Results

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.**

By: /s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine  
Name: Carolyn E. Cheverine  
Title: General Counsel, Corporate Affairs & Secretary

Date: February 16, 2012