

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

October 28, 2011

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): October 27, 2011**

**Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-8944**  
(Commission

File Number)

**34-1464672**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Public Square, Suite 3300,**

**Cleveland, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44114-2315**  
(Zip Code)

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

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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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 October 27, 2011, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the Company) issued a news release announcing the third-quarter financial results for the period ended September 30, 2011, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99(a) to this Current Report on Form 8-K. This information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

**Number**

**Description**

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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/ P. Kelly Tompkins  
Name: P. Kelly Tompkins  
Title: Executive Vice President, Legal, Government  
Affairs and Sustainability & Chief Legal Officer

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