

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

February 18, 2010

**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): February 17, 2010

**CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its 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)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 17, 2010, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. issued a news release announcing fourth-quarter and full-year results for the periods ended December 31, 2009, 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:

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>   |                |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| 99(a)                 | Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. published a news release on February 17, 2010 captioned, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2009 Results | Filed Herewith |

**SIGNATURE**

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/ George W. Hawk, Jr.  
Name: George W. Hawk, Jr.  
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 18, 2010

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