

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

January 06, 2015

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): December 31, 2014

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 Number)

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)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 31, 2014, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Cliffs Logan County Coal LLC, Toney's Fork Land, LLC, Southern Eagle Land, LLC and Cliffs Logan County Coal Terminals LLC (collectively, the "Company"), completed the previously announced sale of its Logan County coal assets in southern West Virginia to Coronado Coal II, LLC for a purchase price of \$174 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The expected tax benefit associated with the transaction will be between 20% to 25% of the previously disclosed pre-tax loss of approximately \$400 million, which represents an additional benefit to the Company of \$80 million to \$100 million in future cash tax savings.

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.

Date: January 6, 2015

By: /s/ James D. Graham

Name: James D. Graham

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer &
Secretary