

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.  
Form DEFA14A  
March 23, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(RULE 14a-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

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**CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***

**IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 08, 2012**

**Meeting Information**

***CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.***

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 09, 2012  
**Date:** May 08, 2012   **Time:** 11:30 AM EDT  
**Location:** 200 Public Square  
3rd Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44114

*CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.*

*ATTN: SECRETARY*

*200 Public Square, Suite 3300*

*CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315*

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**

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## **Before You Vote**

### How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### **Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice & Proxy Statement
2. Annual Report
3. 2012 Incentive Equity Plan
4. 2012 Executive Management Performance Incentive Plan

#### **How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### **How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:**

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| 1) <i>BY INTERNET:</i>  | <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>                   |
| 2) <i>BY TELEPHONE:</i> | 1-800-579-1639   |
| 3) <i>BY E-MAIL*:</i>   | <a href="mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com">sendmaterial@proxyvote.com</a> |

\* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 24, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

## How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting Items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following nominees:**

- 1. Election Of Directors
  - Nominees:**
  - 1a J.A. Carrabba
  - 1b S.M. Cunningham
  - 1c B.J. Eldridge
  - 1d A.R. Gluski
  - 1e S.M.Green
  - 1f J.K. Henry
  - 1g J.F. Kirsch
  - 1h F.R. McAllister
  - 1i R.K. Riederer
  - 1j R.A. Ross

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:**

- 2. A proposal to amend our Regulations to add a provision to allow the Board to amend the Regulations without shareholder approval as permitted under Ohio law;
- 3 A proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, our named executive officer compensation, commonly known as Say on Pay ;
- 4 A proposal to approve the 2012 Incentive Equity Plan;
- 5 A proposal to approve the 2012 Executive Management Performance Incentive Plan;
- 6 Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.  
**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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