

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

March 14, 2012

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):

March 13, 2012

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-8944

34-1464672

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

200 Public Square, Suite 3300, Cleveland,
Ohio

44114-2315

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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:

- 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 March 13, 2012, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. issued the attached press release indicating that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.625 per share payable on June 1, 2012, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 29, 2012. As April 29, 2012 falls on a Sunday, the effective record date for the dividend will be close of business on Friday, April 27, 2012. The press release dated March 13, 2012, announcing the quarterly cash dividend, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

99.1 Press Release dated March 13, 2012

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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.

March 14, 2012

By: /s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine

Name: Carolyn E. Cheverine

Title: General Counsel, Corporate Affairs and Secretary

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated March 13, 2012 |