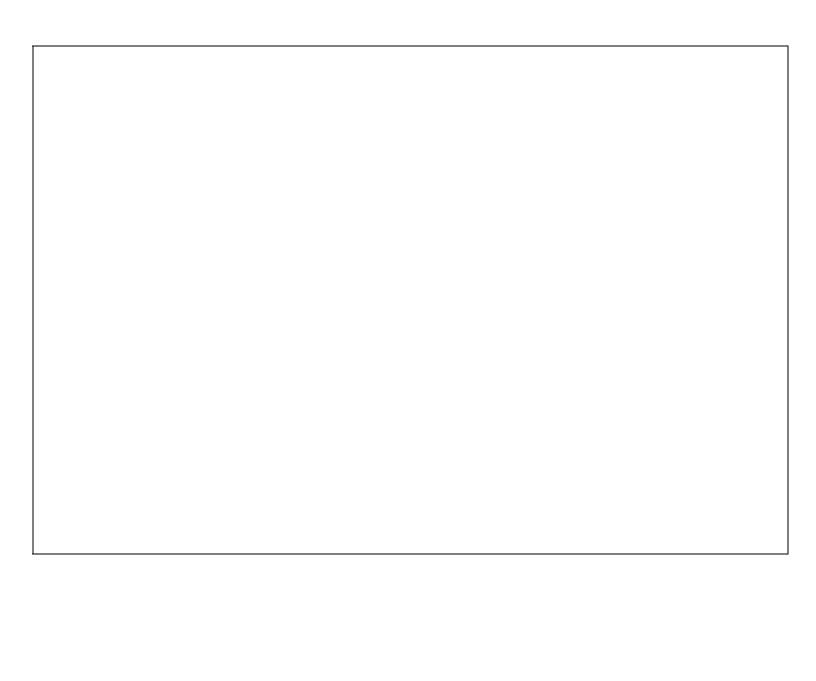
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| If t | If the rate of steel consumption in China slows, the demand for iron ore could decrease. | | | | |
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Table of Contents outstanding ISG shares as of March 31, 2004. As of June 29, 2004, the closing trading price for the ISG c

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

| This prospectus contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements." These forward-looking statements may laemeses aaymas 1t leisvaspeaeleiti rtaco |
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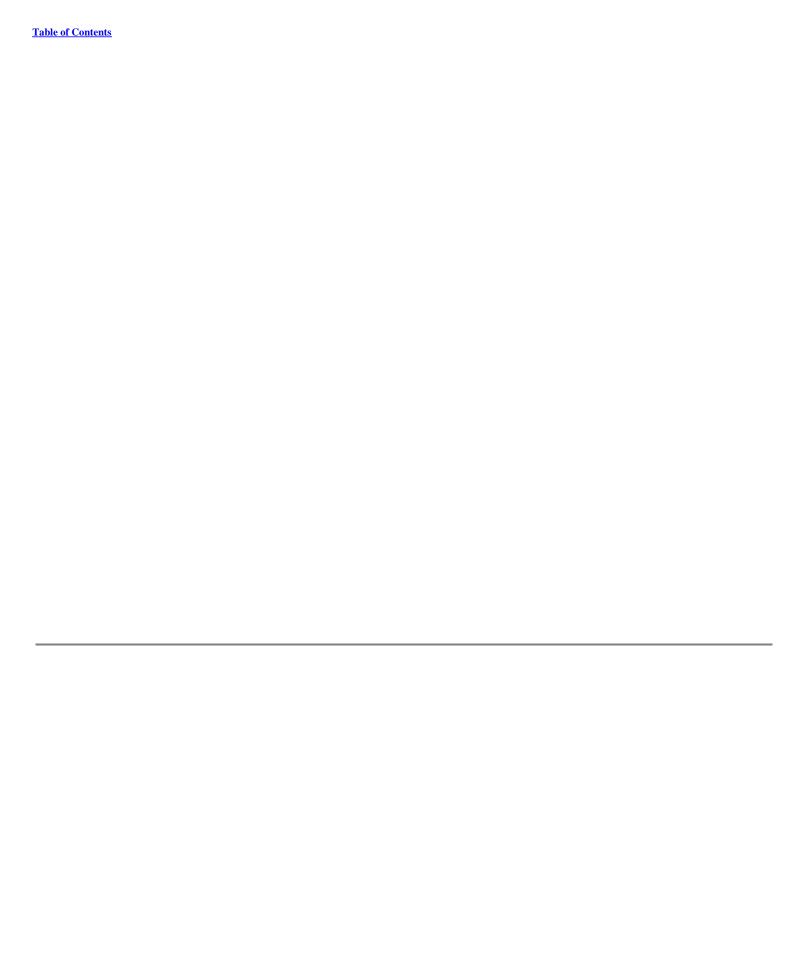
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| designated event purchase price of the preferred stock on the business day following the designated event purchase date, then, immediately after the designated event purchase date: | | | |
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Table of Contents be capital gain and will be long-term capital gain if the U.S. holder's $\,$

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Exhibit 23(a)

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-113252) and related ${\tt Rddsfedibs}$ hef Cleveland-Cliffs Inc for the registration of 172,500 shares of redeemable cumulative convertible perpetual preferred stock and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated 7