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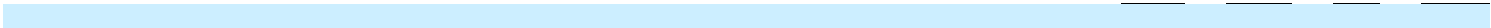















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**Other Expectations**

Cliffs' current 2009 SG&A expense estimate is \$120 million, down fr



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