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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2012, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. issued a news release announcing the fourth-quarter and full-year financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, unless such subsequent filing specifically references this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

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

99.1 Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. news release dated February 15, 2012 captioned "Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2011 Results"

















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