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Janice K. Henry Joins Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Board of Directors

CLEVELAND—Sept. 2, 2009—Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (~~NYSE: CLF~~) (**Paris: CLF**) today announced that Janice K. Henry, former senior vice president and chief financial officer of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (NYSE: MLM), was elected to Cliffs' board of directors.

Joseph A. Carrabba, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cliffs, said, "Janice brings to our board over 20 years experience in basic materials, materials sectors."