

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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**UNITED STATES
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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) April 10, 2009

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio	1-8944	34-1464672
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
200 Public Square, Suite 3300, Cleveland, Ohio		44114-2544
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 216-694-5700

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2.):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 10, 2009, Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC (“Pinnacle”), a subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the “Company”), provided the United Mine Workers of America International with a WARN notice relating to the idling of Pinnacle’s Pinnacle and Green Ridge No. 1 mines as well as the Pinnacle preparation plant. The notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 99(a) and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99(a)	Notice dated April 10, 2009 to UMWA International.

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.

By: /s/ George W. Hawk, Jr.

Name: George W. Hawk, Jr.

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Date: April 13, 2009

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CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.
Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC
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April 10, 2009

Mr. Joe Carter
UMWA International — Vice President
District 17
1300 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, WV 25301

Subject: Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC WARN Notice

Dear Mr. Carter:

We regret to inform you that recent, unprecedented events have caused Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC's Pinnacle, and Green Ridge #1 mines and the Pinnacle Preparation Plant to be idled as of April 13, 2009. On April 1, 2009, a major client unexpectedly cancelled an order of 68,000 tons of low volatile metallurgical coal that was scheduled to be shipped in April. To complicate matters, new orders, which normally are secured at this time for an April to March, 12-month contract year, have not materialized. As a result of these unforeseeable circumstances, Pinnacle Mining Company has no choice but to curtail operations at this time.

At this time it is unclear how long this idling may last. This will depend on the ability to obtain new orders for the product. Given the state of the economy and the metallurgical coal market, unless there is an unanticipated upturn in demand due to a rapid economic recovery or some other unforeseen event creating additional demand, the operations will remain down for an indeterminate length of time.

Due to this idling of the operations, hourly represented employees are to be laid off effective April 13, 2009. The names of the affected employees who are currently known and their current job titles are shown on the attached lists. Reductions in force and a realignment will be made in compliance with the provisions of the January 1, 2007 Coal Wage Agreement. Benefits for affected employees will be provided according to the terms of the 2007 Agreement.

In the event additional information is needed by you regarding this notice you should contact Mr. David Baker, Manager — Human Resources at P.O. Box 338, Pineville, WV 24874. His phone number is (304) 256-5247. His FAX number is (304) 256-7175. His e-mail address is David.Baker@CliffsNR.com.

The information contained in this notice is based upon information available to the Company on the date of this notice. Should a material change in circumstances affect the scope, timing or duration of the idling of operations we will notify you accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC
Russell Combs
General Manager

cc: James Patsey — President — UMWA Local 1713