

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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| SIC Code | 1000 - Metal Mining |
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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):

October 11, 2004

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-8944

34-1464672

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH

44114-2589

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

216-694-5700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Edward C. Dowling Jr., Executive Vice President-Operations of Cleveland Cliffs Inc, has elected to resign to accept a senior executive position with a major global mining company. The resignation is effective October 31, 2004.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99(a) Cleveland-Cliffs Inc published a news release on October 11, 2004, "Cliffs Announces Management Changes".

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.

October 13, 2004

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc
(Registrant)

By: *Donald J. Gallagher*

Name: Donald J. Gallagher

Title: Senior Vice President, CFO and Treasurer

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| EX-99.(a) | Cleveland-Cliffs published a news release on October 11, 2004, "Cliffs Announces Management Changes" |

CLIFFS ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES

CLEVELAND, OH – October 11, 2004 – Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (NYSE:CLF) announced today that Edward C. Dowling Jr., executive vice president-operations has elected to resign to accept a senior executive position with a major global mining company. Mr. Dowling joined Cleveland-Cliffs in April 1998 as senior vice president-operations and made numerous contributions during his tenure with the Company.

Effective November 1, 2004, Jack Tuomi, vice president-operations services, will become acting vice president of operations. In this capacity, Mr. Tuomi will be responsible for all mine operations, plus safety, research and engineering, quality, and materials and energy.

The Company indicated that it will initiate a comprehensive search for a permanent replacement to head Cliffs' operations. This process will include the evaluation of both internal and external candidates and could take a period of several months.

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America and sells the majority of its pellets to integrated steel companies in the United States and Canada. The Company operates six iron ore mines located in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada.

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News releases and other information on the Company are available on the Internet at www.cleveland-cliffs.com