

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE Mail Stop 7010

October 20, 2008

George W. Hawk, Esq. General Counsel and Secretary Cliffs Natural Resources Inc 1100 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2544

> Re: Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed October 15, 2008 File No. 333-152974

Dear Mr. Hawk:

We have reviewed your response letter and the amended filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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General

Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-4

Risk Factors, page 27

Risks Related to the Merger, page 27

1. We note the recent substantial decline in the price of the common stock of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. and Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. Please tailor the risk factors "Because the market price of Cliffs common shares will fluctuate..." at page 27 and "The fairness opinions obtained by Cliffs and Alpha from their respective financial advisors..." at page 29 to reference such change.

Closing Comments

As appropriate, please amend the above filing in response to these comments. You may wish to provide us with a marked copy of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Act of 1933 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. We will act on the request and, pursuant to delegated authority, grant acceleration of the effective date.

We direct your attention to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requesting acceleration of a registration statement. Please allow adequate time after the filing of any amendment for further review before submitting a request for acceleration. Please provide this request at least two business days in advance of the requested effective date. George W. Hawk, Esq. Cliffs Natural Resources Inc October 20, 2008 Page 3

You may contact Shannon Buskirk at (202) 551-3717 or Chris White, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3461 if you have questions regarding the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Laura Nicholson at (202) 551-3584 or me at (202) 551-3611 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Anne Nguyen Parker Branch Chief

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via facsimile

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