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):

May 15, 2012

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-8944 (Commission

File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

200 Public Square, Suite 3300, Cleveland, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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34-1464672

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

44114-2315

(Zip Code)

216-694-5700

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 15, 2012, the Consulting Agreement dated June 7, 2011 between Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") and William R. Calfee, a retired executive of the Company and named executive officer, was amended to extend the term of Mr. Calfee's engagement as a consultant from June 29, 2012 until December 31, 2012. In addition, the amendment clarified the term "business day" for purposes of its application in the Consulting Agreement. All other terms of the Consulting Agreement remain in full force.

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.

May 18, 2012

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

By: Carolyn E. Cheverine

Name: Carolyn E. Cheverine Title: General Counsel - Corporate Affairs & Secretary