UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

15 September 2011

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

File No. 1-08944 -- CF# 27106

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on July 28, 2011.

Based on representations by Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10(a) through December 31, 2016 Exhibit 10(b) through December 31, 2016

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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