

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

October 16, 2008

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 15, 2008

Cliffs Natural Resources 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, 15th Floor, Cleveland,
Ohio

44114-2544

(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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events.

On October 15, 2008, Cliffs Asia-Pacific Pty Limited (a subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.) filed an announcement with the Australian Stock Exchange declaring its off-market unconditional takeover bid for all the shares in Portman Limited not already owned. The announcement is contained in Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99(a) on Form 8-K and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99(a) Cliffs Asia-Pacific Pty Limited filed an announcement with the Australian Stock Exchange on October 15, 2008 captioned "Cliffs Asia-Pacific Pty Limited declares its off-market takeover bid unconditional"

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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.

October 16, 2008

By: George W. Hawk, Jr.

Name: George W. Hawk, Jr.

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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| Exhibit No. | Description |
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