

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

January 22, 2016

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): January 20, 2016

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)

(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

200 Public Square, Suite 3300

Cleveland, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

44114-2315

(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:

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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 1.04. Mine Safety - Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violations

Section 1503(b)(1) of the Dodd-Frank Act requires the disclosure on a Current Report on Form 8-K of the receipt of an imminent danger order (an "Order") under section 107(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 issued by the Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA").

On January 20, 2016, Hibbing Taconite Company (the "Company"), the operations of which are managed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., received an Order from MSHA at the Company's plant in Minnesota regarding a welder observed on a piece of equipment in an elevated position without fall protection. The welder came down from the elevated position, and the Order was subsequently terminated.

The condition cited in the Order referred to above did not result in an accident or injury and is not expected to have a material adverse impact on the Company's operations at the mine.

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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.

Date: January 22, 2016

By: /s/ James D. Graham  
Name: James D. Graham  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer &  
Secretary