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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): August 28, 2000

CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
1-8944

34-1464672

OHIO

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

44114

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216-694-5700)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5. Other Events.

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc published a News Release on August 28, 2000 with respect to Cleveland-Cliffs Inc and Lurgi intention to proceed with Trinidad HBI Plant.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired: None
(b) Pro Forma Financial Information: None
(c) Exhibits:

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Cleveland-Cliffs Inc News Release, published on August 28, 2000, captioned Cleveland-Cliffs Inc and Lurgi to Proceed With Trinidad HBI Plant.

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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.

CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC

By: /s/ C. B. Bezik
Name: C. B. Bezik
Title: Senior Vice President-Finance

Dated: August 30, 2000

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In conjunction with today's news release, Cliffs will host a conference call tomorrow, August 29, at 2:00