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On April 28, 2004, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc issued a news release announcing the unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99(a) to this Current Report on Form 8-K. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

By: /s/ Donald J. Gallagher

Name: Donald J. Gallagher Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: April 29, 2004

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc published a News Release on April 28, 2004, "Cleveland-Cliffs Reports Results For First Quarter 2004."

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Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1100 Superior Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2589

Cleveland, OH – April 28, 2004 – Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (NYSE:CLF) today reported a first quarter 2004 net loss of \$.6 million, and a loss attributable to common shares of \$.16 per share (all per share amounts are "diluted") reflecting the effect on 2004 of \$1.1 million preferred dividends related to the January 2004 preferred stock offering. Included in the first quarter loss was a \$4.5 million pre-tax (\$3.6 million after-tax) accrual for stock-based compensation reflecting a higher Cliffs' stock price, and a \$1.6 million pre-tax (\$1.3 million after-tax) increase in the provision for customer bankruptcy exposures. Excluding these items, Cliffs' after-tax earnings would have been \$4.3 million. Net income in the first quarter of 2003 was \$2.2 million, or \$.21 per share.

The earning decrease is due to the following major factors:

- Higher administrative, selling and general expense, \$4.1 million, primarily due to higher stock-based compensation driven by the increase in Cliffs' common stock price;
- Lower other income, \$3.8 million, reflecting non-strategic asset sales in 2003;
- An increase in the provision for customer bankruptcy exposures, \$1.6 million, reflecting a decrease in the expected recovery on the purchase-leaseback arrangement
 with FW Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Weirton Steel Corporation. The Company had previously recorded a \$2.6 million reserve in May 2003 for its
 estimated Weirton bankruptcy exposure.

Partially offsetting were the following items:

• Increased sales margin, \$4.1 million, reflecting higher sales price realization, \$11.4 million, partially offset by higher unit production costs, \$7.4 million. Iron ore pellet sales volume of 4.3 million tons was a record for the first quarter exceeding the record 2003 sales of 3.5 million tons. Cliffs continues to expect total year sales of approximately 22 million tons in 2004. The increase in sales prices primarily reflected the favorable effect on Cliffs' term sales contract escalators of higher steel prices and an approximate 20 percent increase in international pellet prices. Production costs for the first quarter 2004 were adversely affected by continuing and expected low ore throughput at Empire, lower production at Tilden due to furnace refractory problems and the completion of repairs on the kiln riding ring, slower than anticipated ramp-up to design production levels a f oigned by conipetion dh%nsfi

 Subsequent to the sale of substantially all of its assets to Severstal North America, Inc. on January 30, 2004, Rouge Industries, Inc. repaid the \$

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