

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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):

November 17, 2008

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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.

November 17, 2008

By: George W. Hawk, Jr.

Name: George W. Hawk, Jr. Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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