
Item 8.01 Other Events.

Pinnacle Mining Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., published a news release dated July 31, 2009 as follows:

PINNACLE MINING COMPANY CALLING BACK 100 EMPLOYEES

PINEVILLE, WV, July 31, 2009 – Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE:CLF) (Paris:CLF) today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Pinnacle Mining Company, LLC, is calling back to work about 100 employees at its Pinnacle and Green Ridge No. 1 mines. Employees are expected to return to work early in August.

The call back was prompted by a modest improvement in current orders and in the market expectations going forward. Both mines had been idled.

The Pinnacle and Green Ridge No. 1 mines are located near Pineville, WV, and produce metallurgical coal for the steel industry. Metallurgical coal demand has been reduced as the steel industry has cut back production in the face of the global economic slowdown

ABOUT CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Cliffs Natural Resources is an international mining and natural resources company. We are the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America, a major supplier of direct-shipment lump and fines iron ore out of Australia and a significant producer of metallurgical coal. With core values of environmental and capital stewardship, our colleagues across the globe endeavor to provide all stakeholders operating and financial transparency as embodied in the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) framework. Our Company is organized through three geographic business units:

The North American business unit is comprised of six iron ore mines owned or managed in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada, and two coking coal mining complexes located in West Virginia and Alabama. The Asia Pacific business unit is comprised of two iron ore mining complexes in Western Australia and a 45% economic interest in a coking and thermal coal mine in Queensland, Australia. The South American business unit includes a 30% interest in the Amapá Project, an iron ore project in the state of Amapá in Brazil.

Over recent years, Cliffs has been executing a strategy designed to achieve scale in the mining industry and focused on serving the world's largest and fastest growing steel
