

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**17 June 2011**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

**File No. 1-8944 -- CF# 26729**

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Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on April 29, 2011.

Based on representations by Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10(e) through February 25, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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