

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

June 13, 2013

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UNITED STATES  
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):

June 7, 2013

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-8944

34-1464672

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

200 Public Square, Suite 3300, Cleveland,  
Ohio

44114-2315

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

216-694-5700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On June 7, 2013, a Term Sheet ( Term Sheet ) was entered into among Essar Steel Algoma Inc. ( Essar ) and The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company ( CCIC ), Cliffs Mining Company ( CMC ) and Northshore Mining Company ( Northshore and, collectively with CCIC and CMC, Cliffs ).

The Term Sheet contains the terms and conditions of a negotiated extension of the current Pellet Sale and Purchase Agreement dated and effective as of January 31, 2002 among Cliffs and Essar, as successor to Algoma Steel Inc. (the Agreement ). The Term Sheet sets forth that the Agreement shall be extended to 2024, and includes Essar s minimum volume pellet purchases beyond 2016 and pricing for 2013 through 2024.

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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.

*June 13, 2013*

By: */s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine*

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*Name: Carolyn E. Cheverine*

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary*