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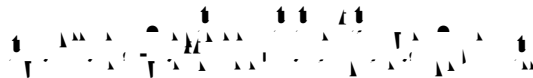
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Cleveland-Cliffs Inc published a News Release on May 13, 2003 as follows:



CLEVELAND, OH – May 13, 2003 – At the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (NYSE:CLF) Annual Meeting of Shareholders today, John S. Bizoz, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, addressed the Shareholders of the Company. Following is the text of Bizoz's remarks:

Before I address the Shareholders of our Company, I would like to give special recognition to Tom O'Neil, who will step down as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company effective July 1, 2003. I have asked Tom to assume a new role with Cliffs in connection with his retirement in July next year. Tom's mining and business experience has been invaluable to Cliffs. He is an acknowledged leader in the mining and science communities and has been a trusted advisor to our management and to Cliffs' success.

Ed Dowling, who was named Executive Vice President — Operations at the beginning of the year, will assume full responsibility for all mining operations on July 1. Ed is the right individual to take on the challenges of managing our operations. Jim Tehewey was recently named Senior Vice President - Operations and will assist Ed in acknowledging our cost reduction objectives, focusing on energy costs and costs of purchased goods and services.

"Turning adversity into opportunity." These words, which are the focus of Cliffs' 2002 Annual Report, describe the strategy we are using to transform Cliffs into the e-mining superpower of the North American steel industry. Under the leadership of Dave Guerin and his business development group, and Bill Calfee and his communications group, a number of creative and innovative acquisitions we completed in 2002, including Cliffs' ownership of a "new" steel industry.

Looking back just a bit, 2002 was a remarkable year for our Company. I began with a uncertain outlook. Our largest customer, LTV Steel, had just closed its doors and announced that it was liquidating. Our sales forecasted only 70 percent of our production capacity and we were looking at a year with massive production cutbacks. However, 2002 ended, I am pleased to say, with full capacity operations and the realization of important new commercial relationships.

We started 2002 with about 12 million tons of capacity and ended the year with over 19 million tons, a 60 percent increase. At the beginning of 2002, we owned 15 percent of the total steel capacity in North America. At the end of 2002, we owned 25 percent of the total capacity. We will continue to pursue additional capacity where an acquisition makes economic sense. We executed major new sales contracts,

including a 15-year agreement with Inverness and the sole supplier of electrical goods for the company owned by LTV. The alliance was cemented with an investment in ISG. We expect to see significant new relationships with Algoma Steel and Inverness, and build our relationship with Rouge Industries.

Today, Cliffs is a customer-driven company like never before. Customer satisfaction is a major source of success, which means we must produce and deliver the best customer service. While Cliffs has increased its sales capacity and gained ground, it has also increased its share of the cost and financial obligations associated with the mines. We have made progress in reducing our business and relatively short-term debt, but the economic challenges we must overcome if we are to increase our sales margin and rebuild our profitability. I can assure you that the Board of Directors and every employee throughout the Cliffs' organization is intensely focused on rebuilding our profitability.

This past year was marked by well-publicized misdeeds by a number of public companies and new legislative initiatives in the area of corporate governance. With all the attention his subject has received, I thought it would be a good idea to spend a few minutes to discuss corporate governance at Cliffs. You Board of Directors and management team firmly believe that sound principles of corporate governance are critical to our long-term success and the success of our investors. They are also vital to the security of the Company's employees, customer satisfaction, the community in which Cliffs operates and the public at large.

Cliffs is fortunate to have a strong, knowledgeable Board and an active group of independent directors who effectively help the management team. There is a continuous working relationship between the Board and management, and the Board provides valuable advice and counsel to management. The directors have the skills, competencies and experience that allow the Board to oversee and monitor our critical activities and results of the Company.

Nine of Cliffs' 11 directors are independent, and the entire family relationship among any of Cliffs' directors and offices. All directors are elected annually, and shareholders have cumulative voting rights. The independent directors have designated a lead director, and the independent directors meet a regularly scheduled executive session with management. The audit, compensation and governance, and nominating committees are composed entirely of independent directors. Independent directors must make 40 percent of their annual share in the Company stock. All directors are aged 85 or less, and the average age of the Board and Board committees of which they were a member in 2002. The average service of independent directors is seven years, and their median age is 72. There is no retirement plan for non-employee directors of the Board after 1998.

In April, Iñiguez's initial Shareholder Services, and the implementation of the Shareholder Services program has become a leading corporate governance, evaluated and ranked our corporate governance practices. We are pleased to report that Cliffs had a high rating of 93 percent of all United States materials companies and 96 percent of the S&P Small Cap 600 companies. Our record for exceeding governance guidelines was recognized, and this rating is a testament to how seriously we take corporate governance at Cliffs. While our Iñiguez's initial Shareholder Services program is getting off to a good start, we must continue to focus on it.

Historical context is an integral part of the corporate philosophy at Cliffs. The Company's core values and business ethics policy guide the Company's directors and employees. The essence of good corporate governance is integrity and implementation of systems throughout the organization that provide reasonable assurance of integrity and ethical behavior.

In the last year, we have been significantly discussing about accounting for stock-based employee compensation, and the "accuracy" of financial statements. Starting in 2003, Cliffs will expense stock options. The change in accounting is expected to have a significant financial impact because the number of stock options granted in the last couple of years has been modest. For example, in 2002, only 25,000 options were granted. Most of our long-term incentive compensation has been and will continue to be in the form of deferred salaries, which have always been expensed.

Earlier this morning, we issued a news release announcing a reduction in our expected production at the Tilden Mine for 2003. A major factor in the reduction is the decline in the price of iron ore, which is making the operation difficult to process, causing lower throughput and lower recoveries. Tilden's expected production for the year 2003, which was scheduled to be 8.0 million tons, is now expected to be between 7.2 million tons and 7.5 million tons. The reduction will adversely impact production until late summer, and increase unit production costs at the mine through the second and third quarters. The lower production is expected to impact the Company's ability to sustain our diverse sales contracts. Unfortunately, our results for the remainder of the year will be adversely impacted by the Tilden production losses, and we are making decisive actions to reduce costs associated with the organization.

The last several years have been difficult for Cliffs, but we have a long sight of the fact that we are a business that is essential for the strong economies in the United States and Canada. We are well positioned in the business, and we expect to emerge as we continue our new business model. We feel like we have climbed a mountain, but have yet to enjoy the view. We know that the key to our success is to refocus our production, our investment and our education. At the same time, we will never compromise the health and safety of our employees and the environment at the headquarters of Cliffs. Significant gains we made in the fourth quarter of 2002, and we have aggressive goals for the first quarter of 2003.

Safe production is Cliffs' number one core value and last year Cliffs had its best safety record in history. Despite the record in 2002, our goal in 2003 is to achieve a 50 percent reduction in our accident frequency rate. We go off to a good start in the first quarter with an accident frequency rate that was 53 percent below the quarter's rate of 2002.

In 2002, the American Coal and Iron Industry recognized our Northshore Mine with its Environmental Excellence Award for the first time. The mine's fly ash management system significantly reduced waste being disposed of in a landfill. In the new fly ash management system, the waste by-product of Northshore's coal burning process is converted into a useful product and energy. Northshore is one of only a few Mines that fly ash is sold for publicly funded construction projects. Today, over 18,000 tons of fly ash are used annually from Northshore to produce high quality concrete for the state's highway system.

At the beginning of this year, we listed five objectives for 2003; achieve significant profitability, continue market share growth, rebuild the balance sheet, reduce employee benefits costs and liabilities, and achieve "world class" safety performance. Our 2003 selling sales forecast, which is about 20 million tons, is still holding, despite the uncertainty in the economy. However, we know that the quarter's sales in the North American steel industry are still in the air, and we would not be surprised to see production in our customer's plant. In addition, we have significant cost issues due to higher energy costs, increased expenses related to employee and retiree benefits and production challenges at Tilden. Looking ahead, we remain focused on our goal to deliver value to our shareholders.

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At today's meeting, the shareholders elected the following individuals as Directors of the Company:

- John S. Binkzo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.
- Ronald C. Campbell, Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Newmont Mining Corporation.
- Ranko Cucuz, Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc.
- David H. Gunn, Vice Chairman of the Company.
- James D. Ireland III, Managing Director of Capital One Partners, Inc.
- Francis R. McAllister, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Stillwater Mining Company.

- John C. Moley, President of Evergreen Ventures LLC and Retired President and Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Electric Company.
- Stephen B. Oesman, President of Salsbury Industries.
- Roger Phillips, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of IPSCO Inc.
- Richard K. Riederer, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Weirton Steel Company.
- Alan Schwartz, Professor at Yale Law School and Yale School of Management.

Cleveland-Cliffs is the largest supplier of iron ore pellets in the North American steel industry. The Company operates five iron ore mines located in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada. References in this news release to "Cliffs" and "Company" include subsidiaries and affiliates as well as its wholly owned subsidiaries.

This news release contains certain statements that are intended to be made as "forward-looking" within the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although the Company believes that its forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties.

Actual results may differ materially from such statements for a variety of factors; such as: the execution of iron ore sales, mine operations and financial results in 2003 may differ significantly from actual results because of changes in demand for iron ore pellets by North American integrated steel producers due to changes in steel utilization rates, operational factors, electric furnace production volumes of semi-finished steel production; changes in financial condition of the Company's assets and/or customers; execution of major cost and/or volume agreements by customers and/or acquisition and/or divestiture of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; even so circumstances that could impair or adversely impact the viability of a mine and the carrying value of associated assets; problems with production, fluctuations in iron ore grade, mine, changes in cost factors including energy costs, and employee benefit costs; and the effect of these various risks on the Company's liquidity, compliance with environmental covenants in debt agreements and financial ratios.

Reference is made to the detailed explanation of the major factors and risks that may cause such certain statements to vary differently, as set forth in the Company's most recent Annual Report and Reports on Form 10-K and 10-Q and previous news releases filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available publicly on Cliffs' website. The information contained in this document speaks as of the date of this news release and may be superseded by subsequent events.

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Under the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the duly authorized person whose name follows.

By: /s/ C. B. Bezik

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Name: C. B. Bezik  
Title: Senior Vice President - Finance

Date: May 13, 2003