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): January 21, 2004

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CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC

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Exhibit 99(a)

CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF PRIVATE OFFERING OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (NYSE: CLF) announced the closing of its private offeritte