

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

OHIO

(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

34-1464672

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44114-2589

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (216-694-5700)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Michael P. Mlinar has been appointed vice president and general manager of Hibbing Taconite Company and United Taconite. During his twenty-seven year career in Michigan, Mlinar has made many notable contributions to the Company, most recently leading the successful combination of the Michigan operations. His experience and track record of success will serve the Company as we explore for operations synergies and new business opportunities in Minnesota.

Mlinar began his career as a research engineer for Continental Oil Company. He joined the Tilden Mine as a mining engineer in 1977. He then progressed through several leadership positions including foreman, general foreman, superintendent of mining, area manager of mining, and general manager of the Tilden Mine in 1996. He was named general manager of Cliffs Michigan Mining Company in 2003.

Mlinar holds a bachelor's of science degree in mining engineering from Michigan Technological University. Mlinar and his family will be relocating to Minnesota.

Clifford T. Smith has been named vice president and general manager of Cliffs Michigan Mining Company. Smith has an impressive record of operational leadership in a number of management and support roles. He comes to us from Asarco, Inc. where he spent four years as vice president and general manager of the Tennessee mines division, and most recently, was corporate director of purchasing. Prior to these roles, Smith was mine manager at Southern Peru Copper Corporation's Cuajone mine. Earlier in his career, he held a variety of operational and technical roles with AMAX Coal.

He holds a bachelor's of science degree in mining engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He and his family will be relocating to the Ishpeming area in the near future.

Smith will begin his new assignment April 26, 2004, and the other moves will follow after appropriate transition periods. These actions reflect Cliffs' continuing emphasis on development of management personnel across the Company.

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America and sells the majority of its pellets to integrated steel companies in the United States and Canada. The Company operates six iron ore mines located in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada.

