
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc and Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. announced in a news release dated July 16, 2008 that each company's Board of Directors approved a definitive merger agreement. The combined company will become Cliffs Natural Resources. The news release regarding the merger is contained in Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99(a) and is incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

(d) Exhibits:

99(a)	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc published a News Release on July 16, 2008 captioned, "Cleveland-Cliffs and Alpha Natural Resources to Merge, Creating Cliffs Natural Resources, a Leading Diversified Mining and Natural Resources Company"	Filed Herewith
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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.

By: /s/ George W. Hawk, Jr.
Name: George W. Hawk, Jr.
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: July 16, 2008

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JOINT NEWS RELEASE

- ***Dramatically Increased Size and Scale***
- ***Equity Purchase Price of Approximately \$10 Billion or \$128 Per Alpha Share***
- ***Pro Forma Enterprise Value of Over \$22 Billion***

CLEVELAND and ABINGDON, Va. – July 16, 2008 – Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (NYSE: CLF) and Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (NYSE: ANR) today announced that each company’s Board of Directors has approved a definitive merger agreement under which Cleveland-Cliffs will acquire all outstanding shares of Alpha in a cash and stock transaction valued at approximately \$10 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, for each share of Alpha common stock, Alpha stockholders would receive 0.95 Cleveland-Cliffs common shares and \$22.23 in cash. Based on Cleveland-Cliffs closing stock price on July 15, 2008, Alpha stockholders would receive \$128.12 per share, which represents a premium of 35% to Alpha’s closing stock price on July 15, 2008.

The combined company, which will be renamed Cliffs Natural Resources, will become one of the largest U.S. mining companies and be positioned as a leading diversified mining and natural resources company. Cliffs Natural Resources’ mine portfolio will include nine iron ore facilities and more than 60 coal mines located across North America, South America and Australia. The company’s significant position in both iron ore and metallurgical coal will make it a major supplier to the global steel industry, as well as provide a platform for further diversification both geographically and in terms of the mineral and resource products it sells.

Upon the transaction’s close, Cliffs Natural Resources would have estimated combined pro forma 2008 revenue of nearly \$6.5 billion and EBITDA of \$1.9 billion. This is subject to final

Following the close of the transaction, Cleveland-Cliffs' Board of Directors will be expanded by two seats to be filled by two current Alpha Natural Resources directors, Michael Quillen and Glenn Eisenberg. Joseph Carrabba will serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the combined company, and Michael Quillen will serve as non-executive Vice Chairman.

Cliffs Natural Resources will have two operating divisions - Iron Ore and Coal. Kevin Crutchfield, currently president of Alpha Natural Resources, will become president of the combined company's coal businesses. Donald Gallagher, currently Cleveland-Cliffs' president, North American Business Unit, will become president of the combined company's iron ore businesses. Cleveland-Cliffs' executive vice president and chief financial officer, Laurie Brlas, will remain chief financial officer of the combined company.

Cliffs Natural Resources' world headquarters will be located in Cleveland. The iron ore business will operate from Cleveland and the coal business from Abingdon, Va.

The transaction is subject to approval by Cleveland-Cliffs and Alpha shareholders, as well as the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals, including expiration or termination of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976. The transaction is expected to close by the end of 2008.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. acted as financial advisor to Cleveland-Cliffs Inc and Jones Day acted as legal counsel. Citi acted as financial advisor to Alpha Natural Resources, and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP acted as legal counsel.

Cleveland-Cliffs and Alpha executive management will host a conference call today at 9 a.m. ET to discuss the transaction. Interested participants may listen to the call by dialing 888-424-9906 (for callers within the U.S.) or 647-427-3417 (for international callers) and referencing code 56226513 approximately 15 minutes prior to the call. The webcast and accompanying slides can be accessed at www.cleveland-cliffs.com or www.alphanr.com.

Cleveland-Cliffs Inc, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is an international mining company, the largest producer of iron ore pellets in North America and a major supplier of metallurgical coal to the global steelmaking industry. The Company operates six iron ore mines in Michigan, Minnesota and Eastern Canada, and three coking coal mines in West Virginia and Alabama. Cliffs also owns 85% of Portman Limited, a large iron ore mining company in Australia, serving the Asian iron ore markets with direct-shipping fines and lump ore. In addition, the Company has a 30% interest in the Amapá Project, a Brazilian iron ore project, and a 45% economic interest in the Sonoma Project, an Australian coking and thermal coal project.

Alpha Natural Resources is a leading supplier of high-quality Appalachian coal to the steel industry, electric utilities and other industries. Approximately 89% of the company's reserve base is high Btu coal and 82% is low sulfur, qualities that are in high demand among electric utilities which use steam coal. Alpha is also the nation's largest supplier and exporter of metallurgical coal, a key ingredient in steel manufacturing. Alpha and its subsidiaries currently operate mining complexes in four states, consisting of 57 mines supplying 11 coal preparation and blending plants. The company and its subsidiaries employ more than 3,600 people.

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A number of the matters discussed in this document that are not historical or current facts deal with potential future circumstances and developments, in particular, information regarding expected synergies resulting from the merger of Cleveland-Cliffs and Alpha, combined operating and financial data, the combined company’s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and whether and when the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement will be consummated. The discussion of such matters is qualified by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally, and also may materially differ from actual future experience in f t t

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