

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 8-K

June 15, 2017

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 15, 2017

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio  | 1-8944                   | 34-1464672                              |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |

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| 200 Public Square, Suite 3300<br>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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (Section 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Section 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 15, 2017, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. issued a news release announcing that it has selected a site for its first hot briquetted iron production plant in the Great Lakes region. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
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| 99.1              | Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. published a news release on June 15, 2017 captioned, "Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Announces its First HBI Production Plant in the Great Lakes Region" |

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CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Date: June 15, 2017 By: /s/ James D. Graham

Name: James D. Graham

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & Secretary

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