



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **First Chinamax Vessel To Be Loaded At The Port of Sept-Îles**

**SEPT-ILES – November 26, 2013** - Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. ( **NYSE: CLF** ) ( **Paris : CLF** ) announced today it is commemorating the occasion of the first Chinamax type vessel to be loaded in the Bay of Sept-Îles. The boat is now loading with 300,000 metric tons of iron ore concentrate from Cliffs' Bloom Lake Mine, to be transported to China for mine partner Wuhan Iron and Steel Company (WISCO).

"We are very proud to celebrate this important milestone for our Bloom Lake operations and the Port of Sept-Îles " said Duke Vektor, Executive Vice President – Global Operations Services for Cliffs. "The technology and loading capacity of these larger vessels will enhance Bloom Lake Mine's competitiveness within the global iron ore market as well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

This is the first vessel of its size to be loaded at any North American port. These are new ships with state-of-the-art technology, and as a result they use less fuel per ton, so there are fewer GHG emissions per ton. The larger size can accommodate more than 300,000 metric tons of product, so fewer ships are needed to move the same amount of ore.

To mark the occasion, Cliffs, in partnership with the Port of Sept-Iles, will organize tours of the ship for partners and collaborators. A reception will be held to celebrate and recognize the partners in this North-American milestone.

#### **About CSB Years**

The CSB Years is a "Chinamax" type bulk vessel, with a capacity of 330,000 metric tons, measuring 330 meters long and 31.3 meters high. The CSB Years was registered in Hong Kong in January 2012 by Nianhua Shipping SA.

**About Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. is an international mining and natural resources company. A member of the S&P 500 Index, the Company is a major global iron ore producer and a significant producer of high- and low-volatile metallurgical coal. Cliffs' strategy is to continually achieve greater scale and diversification in the mining industry through a focus on serving the world's largest and fastest growing steel markets. Driven by the core values of social, environmental and capital stewardship, Cliffs associates across the globe endeavor to provide all stakeholders operating and financial transparency.

The Company is organized through a global commercial group responsible for sales and delivery of Cliffs' products and a global operations group responsible for the production of the minerals the Company markets. Cliffs operates iron ore and coal mines in North America and an iron ore mining complex in Western Australia.

**SOURCE: Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.**

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