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Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Restarts its Wabush Scully Iron Ore Mine in Eastern Canada

CLEVELAND, July 2, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (NYSE: CLF) (Paris: CLF) announced today that it has restarted its Wabush Scully mine that was temporarily idled due to the forest fires in the region since June 28.

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The town of Wabush rescinded their emergency evacuation order and reduced the threat level back to an evacuation alert. Cliffs called back workers on Monday, July 1, and the Scully mine is now fully operational.

During the natural disaster, Cliffs employees stabilized and protected the mining operation. In addition, the Company worked in partnership with Wabush authorities to provide volunteer assistance and heavy equipment to create a firebreak for the town at a safe distance from the fire. Cliffs also provided support with housing and cafeteria availability in Wabush and Fermont to local citizens that evacuated their homes over the weekend.

Cliffs employs nearly 500 people at its Wabush Scully mine. The mine and plant are located in the town of Wabush in Labrador.

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. In addition, Cliffs has a major chromite project, in the feasibility stage of development, located in Ontario, Canada.

News releases and other information on the Company are available on the Internet at: <http://www.cliffsnaturalresources.com>

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