

# CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Reported by  
**GONCALVES LOURENCO**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	1000 - Metal Mining
Industry	Metal Mining
Sector	Basic Materials
Fiscal Year	12/31

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>GONCALVES LOURENCO</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300</b>  (Street)  <b>CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [ CLF ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> <b>Chairman, President &amp; CEO</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>1/12/2015</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	1/12/2015		A		187137 (1)	A	\$0	264137	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Options (right-to-buy)	\$7.7	1/12/2015		A		187136		12/31/2017	1/11/2025	Common Shares	187136.0	\$0	187136	D	
Employee Stock Options (right-to-buy)	\$13.83 (2)							(3)	12/31/2021	Common Shares	250000.0		250000	D	
Performance-Based RSUs	(4)							(4)	(4)	Common Shares	400000.0		400000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Reflects the number of restricted share units granted to the Reporting Person on January 12, 2015 from the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Incentive Equity Plan (the "Plan"). This grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2015.
- (2) Equal to the volume weighted average price of a share of the Issuer's common shares.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2015.
- (4) This November 17, 2014 grant is an award of performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSU") to the Reporting Person under the Plan. The Reporting Person did not pay any purchase price for the PRSUs, which are considered a derivative security; they instead were a compensatory grant to the Reporting Person under the terms of his employment letter agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 of Form 8-K/A on September 16, 2014. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one common share of Issuer. The PRSUs are considered a derivative security because the Reporting Person can earn the PRSUs based on share price appreciation. Under the terms of the award,

the performance period will run from August 7, 2014 through December 31, 2017. SEE CONTINUATION OF FN4 IN "REMARKS".

**Remarks:**

FN4 CONTINUED: In general, the following number of PRSUs will be earned, subject to continued employment, based on the following performance, with straight line interpolation applied between performance levels once threshold performance is achieved: (1) 300,000, if the volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive calendar-day period during the performance period, 50% greater than \$13.83; and (3) 500,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 100% greater than \$13.83. If Threshold Achievement is not achieved, no portion of the award will be earned. Further, 25% of any shares issued in settlement of the award must be held by the Reporting Person for one year.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GONCALVES LOURENCO 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

**Signatures**

/s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney

1/14/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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