

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	200 PUBLIC SQUARE STE. 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315
Telephone	216-694-5700
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Symbol	CLF
SIC Code	1000 - Metal Mining
Industry	Metal Mining
Sector	Basic Materials
Fiscal Year	12/31

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Flanagan Timothy K	3/13/2012	CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP, Corp Controller & CAO /	
(Street)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
CLEVELAND, OH 44114		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2488 (1)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The total includes 1,518 directly held common shares and 210, 140 and 620 outstanding restricted share units from the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Performance Share grants, respectively, acquired pursuant to the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Flanagan Timothy K 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114			VP, Corp Controller & CAO	

Signatures

/s/ Timothy K. Flanagan

3/22/2012

** 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 5(b)(v).

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