

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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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

FORM 4

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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,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
LEROUX ROBERT J		CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President & Controller	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE		3/3/2006			
(Street)		4. 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 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 Stock	3/3/2006		A (1)		1374	A	\$86.05	4083 (2)	I	By VNQDC (3)
Common Stock	3/3/2006		A (4)		1374	A	\$86.05	5281 (2)	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				
Retention Units 2003-2005	(5)	3/3/2006		D		1200 (6)		(7)	(7)	Common Shares	1200	\$88.57	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Reflects a portion of the payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended ("1992 Equity Plan"), for the 2003-2005 Performance Period deferred into the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).
- (2) Total adjusted to reflect a distribution of shares from the VNQDC in the amount of 663 shares on March 1, 2006 to direct ownership.
- (3) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc in the VNQDC. The balance shown also includes 7 shares acquired March 1, 2006 (to shareholders of record on February 15, 2006) pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC. The number also reflects 8 shares acquired by dividend reinvestment in the VNQDC on December 1, 2005 to shareholders of record on November 18, 2005.
- (4) Reflects a portion of the payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended, for the 2003-2005 Performance Period.
- (5) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

- (6) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 600 additional retention units.
- (7) Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005 (Retention Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash based on the market value price of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEROUX ROBERT J 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Vice President & Controller	

Signatures

Robert J. Leroux

3/7/2006

** 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).

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