

# CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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**LEROUX ROBERT J**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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CIK	0000764065
Symbol	CLF
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**

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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)	
<b>LEROUX ROBERT J</b>		<b>CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [ CLF ]</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Vice President &amp; Controller</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>9/7/2004</b>			
(Street) <b>CLEVELAND, OH 44114</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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	9/7/2004		M		900	A	\$45.00	2145	D	
Common Stock	9/7/2004		M		1500	A	\$43.375	3645	D	
Common Stock	9/7/2004		S		2400	D	\$70.00	1245	D	
Common Stock								1667	I	By VNQDC (1)

**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				
Options (right-to-buy)	\$45.00	9/7/2004		M		900		3/12/1999	3/12/2006	Common Shares	900	\$0.00	0	D	
Options (right-to-buy)	\$43.375	9/7/2004		M		1500		1/14/2000	1/14/2007	Common Shares	1500	\$0.00	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name /	Relationships		
		10%	

**Signatures**

Robert J. Leroux

9/7/2004

Address	Director	Owner	Officer	Other
<b>LEROUX ROBERT J</b> <b>1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE</b> <b>CLEVELAND, OH 44114</b>			<b>Vice President &amp;</b> <b>Controller</b>	

\*\* 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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