

# CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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**ELDRIDGE BARRY J**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	200 PUBLIC SQUARE STE. 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315
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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**

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)		
<b>Eldridge Barry J</b>			<b>CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [ CLF ]</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span> _____ Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
<b>200 PUBLIC SQUARE, STE. 3300</b>			<b>1/2/2009</b>					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>CLEVELAND, OH 44114</b>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ 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	1/2/2009		A	(1)	195.2362	A	\$25.61	9462.6834	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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Reflects number of Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's Required Quarterly Retainer for the first quarter of 2009 under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan. Full shares earned in 2009 will be issued effective January 2, 2010.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Eldridge Barry J 200 PUBLIC SQUARE STE. 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114</b>	<b>X</b>			

**Signatures**

**Traci L. Forrester by Power of Attorney**

**1/6/2009**

\*\* 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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