

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**

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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)		
BLAKE DAVID B			CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES 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) SVP, Oper. N. Amer. Iron Ore		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
			2/25/2011					
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, SUITE 1500			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(Street)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND, OH 44114								
(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	2/25/2011		A	(1)	328	A	\$95.23	712 (2)	I	VNQDC
Common Stock								11286	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) The amount represents an exchange of a portion of the Reporting Person's 2010 cash bonus for 263 shares of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (Company) Common Shares on a deferred basis (Exchange Shares) under the Issuer's 2005 Voluntary Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC Plan"). An additional 65 deferred shares (Match Shares) were credited to the account of the Reporting Person in the VNQDC equal to 25 percent of the market value of the Exchanged Shares on the deferral date of the bonus payment pursuant to the VNQDC Plan.
- (2) Balance shown reflects 1 share acquired June 1, 2010 and 1 share December 1, 2010 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC Plan to shareholders of record May 14, 2010 and November 19, 2010, respectively.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLAKE DAVID B 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE			SVP, Oper. N. Amer. Iron Ore	

SUITE 1500
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

Signatures

/s/ Nancy Watts by Power of Attorney

2/28/2011

** 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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