

CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BRINZO JOHN S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/08/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | | S(1) | 1,000 D \$ 94.252 | 94,858 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 71,869 | I | By VNQDC (2) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P... Der... Sec... (Ins... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Retention Units 2006-2008 | (3) | 05/08/2006 | | A | 2,325 | (4) (4) | Common Shares | 2,325 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BRINZO JOHN S 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X | | Chairman & CEO | |

Signatures

John S. Brinzo 05/10/2006
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Common shares sold pursuant to a 10b(5)-1 trading plan entered into August 25, 2005.
- (2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).
- (3) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

(4) Represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 (Incentive Period). Payment of the Retention Units will be made in cash after the completion of the Incentive Period based upon the employment by the Company of the Reporting Person and the market value of a Common Share of the Company on the last day of the Incentive Period.

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