

CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC

Form 4

January 03, 2007

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEROUX ROBERT J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE

(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)

12/29/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Vice President & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)	
Common Stock	12/29/2006		S	2,037	D	\$ 48.65	8,814	D
Common Stock							8,243	I

By
VNQDC
(1)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Retention Units 2004-2006	(2)					(3)	(3)	Common Shares	1,200	
Retention Units 2005-2007	(2)					(5)	(5)	Common Shares	540	
Retention Units 2006-2008	(2)					(7)	(7)	Common Shares	420	

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 01/03/2007
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).
- (2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (3)

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Represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006 (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.

- (4) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc ("Cliffs") split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 300 additional retention units. On June 30, 2006, the common stock of Cliffs split 2-for-1 again, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 600 additional retention units.

- (5) Represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007 (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.

- (6) On June 30, 2006, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 270 additional retention units.

- (7) 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.

- (8) On June 30, 2006, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 210 additional retention units.

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