BRLAS LAURIE Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A BRLAS LA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last) 200 PUBLI 3300	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2012					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive VP and CFO				
CLEVELA	(Street) 4. If Amenda Filed(Month/) CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315					1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, D							uired, Disposed of	l, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	med in Date, if Day/Year)	Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (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	02/13/2012			A(1)	43,538	A	\$ 71.89	85,073	D			
Common Stock	02/13/2012			F(2)	20,957	D	\$ 71.89	64,116	D			
Common Stock								15,784	I	By VNQDC		

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)

2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRLAS LAURIE 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

Executive VP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Keirsten Riedel by Power of Attorney

02/15/2012

**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) Reflects a payout of performance shares for the 2009-2011 performance period earned under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.
- (2) Reflects the surrender of 16,899 performance shares and 4,058 restricted share units from the 2009-2011 performance period in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the Reporting Person as a result of the award.
- (3) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the VNQDC.

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