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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ross Richard Andrew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2012

INC. [CLF]

(Check all applicable)

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

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE

3300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

\$0

Common 05/08/2012 Stock

 $A^{(1)}$ 1,498

Code V Amount Price (D) Α

6,034.7985 (2) D

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Ross Richard Andrew 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X							

Signatures

/s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine By Power of Attorney 05/10/2012

**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 the number of restricted shares granted to the Reporting Person as the Annual Equity Grant on May 8, 2012, the date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, pursuant to the Nonemployee Directors' Compensation Plan (the "Plan").
 - The amount reflects 4.9614 and 5.2808 shares of Restricted Stock acquired on December 1, 2011 and March 1, 2012, respectively, pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's the Plan. The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. declared
- (2) dividends of \$0.28 per share, payable to all holders of record as of November 18, 2011 and February 15, 2012, respectively. The amount also reflects 0.0950 shares credited on March 1, 2012 to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

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