FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RUTKOWSKI JOSEPH A | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | 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 Person | | | | | | |
| | CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, any | Date, | (Instr. 8) | | (A) or Dispose | | Disposed | quired 5. Amou of (D) Beneficing Reported | | nt of Securities ally Owned Following I Transaction(s) | | 6. Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
| | | | | (Month/D | ay/Yea | | Code | V | Amou | (A) or (D) | Price | Ì | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | \ / | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Shares | | 04/27/2016 | | | | A | | 19,72 (1) | 2 A | \$ 0 | 62,236 | | | D | |
| | | | Table II - J | | | | equire | conta the fo | ained in orm dis sposed | n this fo splays a of, or Be | rm ar curre | e not requently valid | OMB con | ormation spond unle trol numbe | ss | 1474 (9-02) |
| 1. Title of | 2 | 3. Transaction | (| <i>e.g.</i> , puts, 6 | | | | tions, | conver | tible secu | rities) | | | 9. Number | of 10. | 11. Natur |
| | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | Year) Execution Da | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | Am Uno Sec | nount of derlying curities str. 3 and | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownersh Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire | of Indirect Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Cod | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | cisable | Expiration Date | n Titl | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| RUTKOWSKI JOSEPH A 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney | 04/29/2016 | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| **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 2016 Director Restricted Shares pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2014 Nonemployee Directors' Compensation Plan.

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