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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 * GONCALVES LOURENCO | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF] | | | | | | _X_ Direc | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2014 | | | | | | _X_Offic | X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO | | | | |
| (Street) CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | _X_ Form fil | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A | | | | | | es Acquired, Dispo | sed of, or Beneficially Own | ied | | | | | | | |
| | | 2. Transactio (Month/Day/ | | | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Transact | (Instr. 3 and 4) Form: | | Ownership Form: | Beneficial | | |
| | | | | (Mont | h/Day/Ye | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number. SEC 1474 (9-02) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| instr. 3) Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 8) Securiti Dispose | | S. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | rrities Acquired (A) or Expiration Date (Insposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amou (Instr. 3 and 4) | Title and Amount of Underlying Securities str. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially | Ownership Form of Derivative | Beneficial Ownership | | | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Performance-Based RSUs | <u>(1)</u> | 11/17/2014 ⁽²⁾ | | A | | 400,000 | | (1) | <u>(1)</u> | Common Shares | 400,000.00 | \$ 0 <u>(1)</u> | 400,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| GONCALVES LOURENCO 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | X | | Chairman, President & CEO | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney | 12/19/2014 | | |
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| **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).
- This November 17, 2014 grant is an award of performance-based restricted stock units ("PRSUs") to the Reporting Person under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Incentive Equity Plan. The Reporting Person did not pay any purchase price for the PRSUs, wh filed as Exhibit 10.1 of Form 8-K/A on September 16. 2014. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one common share of Issuer. The PRSUs are considered a derivative security because the Insider can earn the PRSUs based on share price appreciation. Under the terms of the
- (2) This Form 4, which is being filed on December 19, 2014, reports the PRSU grant that was made on November 17, 2014, the date on which the Issuer's Compensation and Organization Committee actually granted the award. This Form 4 relates only to that November 2014 award.

FNI CONTINUED: In general, the following number of PRSUs will be earned, subject to continued employment, based on the following performance, with straight line interpolation applied between performance levels once threshold p consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period, 25% greater than \$13.83 ("Threshold Achievement"); (2) 400,000, if the VWAP of an Issuer common share is, for any 90-consecutive-calendar-day period during the performance period and period during the performance period during the period calendar-day period during the performance period, 100% greater than \$13.83. If Threshold Achievement is not achieved, no portion of the award will be earned. Further, 25% of any shares issued in settlement of the award must be held

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