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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						
200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2017												
(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 Acou							ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, in		3. Transac		etion 4	ion 4. Securities Acqu		quired of (D)	5. Amour Beneficia Reported	nt of Securities ally Owned Following I Transaction(s)		6. Ownership	Beneficial
							ode	V	Amour	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 a	nd 4)		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Shares		04/25/2017				A		13,83	1 A	\$ 0	82,067			D	
				Derivative S			quire	the for d, Disp	rm dis	splays a of, or Ber	curre reficia	ently valid	OMB con	spond unle trol numbe		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye	3A. Deemed Execution Date (Year) any	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)		5. Number a		and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. An Un Sec	Fitle and an		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis		Expiratio Date	n Titi	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	04/27/2017		
**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 2017 Director Restricted Shares pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2014 Nonemployee Directors' Compensation Plan.

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