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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)																	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD.					CL	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) X Other (specify below)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LTD., THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/13/2008								See Remark	ks				
(Street) DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X_Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)		(Zip)			Т	able I -	Non-	Derivativ	e S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Dis	posed of, or	Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year) E		Execut	A. Deemed Execution Date, if ny Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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	of I Ber Ow	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
								Code	V	Amou	nt	(A) or (D)	Price				(I) (Instr. 4)	. (ms	su. 4)
Common \$0.125 pc	Shares (per share)	ar value	10/13	/2008				P		10,33	1	A	\$ 35.962	9,010),331		D (1) (2) (3) (4)		
Common \$0.125 pe	Shares (per share)	ar value	10/13	/2008				P		153,4	33	A	\$ 35.378	9,163	,764		D (1) (2) (3) (4)		
Common \$0.125 pc	Shares (per share)	ar value	10/13	/2008				P		5,165		A	\$ 35.962	7,621	,637		D (1) (5) (6) (7)		
Common \$0.125 pe	Shares (per share)	ar value	10/13	/2008				P		76,71	7	A	\$ 35.378	7,698	3,354		D (1) (5) (6) (7)		
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	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LTD. THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000	X	See Remarks
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	See Remarks
HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORP 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X	See Remarks
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS GP, LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	See Remarks
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS OFFSHORE MANAGER, L.L.C. 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X	See Remarks
HMC INVESTORS, L.L.C. 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X	See Remarks
HMC - NEW YORK, INC. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	See Remarks
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	See Remarks
HARBERT RAYMOND J 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X	See Remarks
LUCE MICHAEL D 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203	X	See Remarks

Signatures

Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (+), By: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C., By: HMC Investors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (+), By: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC, By: HMC - New York, Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Harbert Management Corporation (+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC (+), By: HMC - New York, Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC Investors, L.L.C. (+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC - New York, Inc. (+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Philip Falcone (+)	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Raymond J. Harbert (+)	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Michael D. Luce (+)	10/15/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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).
- IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECURITIES SET FORTH IN THIS REPORT ARE DIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS (1) MASTER FUND I, LTD. AND/OR HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. (COLLECTIVELY, THE "FUNDS"). ALL OTHER ENTITIES AND PERSONS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REPORT DUE TO THEIR AFFILIATION WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE FUNDS.
- (2) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.
- These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following, each of whom is a Reporting Person: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager,

 L.L.C. ("Harbinger Manager"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., the managing member of Harbinger Manager ("HMC Investors"), Philip

 Follows the portfolio manager of the Master Fund and a member of HMC Investors. Paymond L. Harbert a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luca a member of
- Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Master Fund and a member of HMC Investors, Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors.
- Each entity or person listed in Footnotes 2 and 3 disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this (4) report shall not be deemed an admission that such entity or person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (5) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (the "Special Situations Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.
- These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following, each of whom is a Reporting Person: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC ("HCPSS"), the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, HMC-New York, Inc. ("HMCNY"), the managing member of HCPSS, Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the parent of HMCNY, Philip Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund and a shareholder of HMC, Raymond J. Harbert, a shareholder of HMC. and Michael Luce, a shareholder of HMC.
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Remarks:

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