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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address o BRINZO JOHN S (Last) 1100 SUPERIOR 4	2. Issuer Name an CLEVELAND 3. Date of Earliest 03/03/2006	CLIFFS I	NC	[CLF]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_Director10% Owner X_Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO							
CLEVELAND, OF	4. If Amendment, I	Date Origina	al File	d(Month/Da	y/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						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
(Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Transaction(s)	Ownership Form:	Beneficial		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock		03/03/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>		34,361	А	\$ 86.05	110,551	D			
Common Stock		03/03/2006		F <sup>(2)</sup>		14,414	D	\$ 86.05	96,137	D			
Common Stock		03/06/2006		S <mark>(3)</mark>		1,000	D	\$ 87.501	95,137	D			
Common Stock									71,869	Ι	By VNQDC (4)		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.	
Persons who respond	

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
-	Conversion	Date (Month/Day/Year)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Code	tion )	5. Number 6. of Derivative an		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(11150.4)	
Retention Units 2003- 2005	<u>(5)</u>	03/03/2006		D			15,000 <u>(6)</u>	(7)	(7)	Common Shares	15,000	\$ 88.57	0	D	

## **Reporting Owners**

Γ		Relationships								
	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
	BRINZO JOHN S 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114	Х		Chairman & CEO						

# Signatures

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/07/2006 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).
- Reflects payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended, for the (1) 2003-2005 Performance Period.
- (2) Surrender of Performance Shares represented in footnote (1) in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the reporting person.
- (3) Common shares sold pursuant to a 10b(5)-1 trading plan entered into August 25, 2005.
- Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC). The balance shown also includes 36 shares (4) acquired March 1, 2006 (to shareholders of record on February 15, 2006) pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC.
- (5) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (6) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 7,500 additional retention units.
- Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005 (Retention (7) Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash based on the market value price of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.

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