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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RIEDERER RICHARD K | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF] | | | | | | 1 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)XDirector10% Owner | | | | | |
| , | (Last) (First) (Middle) S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD. | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2009 | | | | | | | Officer (giv | ve title below) | Othe | r (specify below |) |
| (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 | | | |) | |
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| | Relationships | | | | | |
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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| RIEDERER RICHARD K S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD. OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| George W. Hawk, Jr. by Power of Attorney | 04/02/2009 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
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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).
- The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.0875 per share, payable to all holders of record as of February 17, 2009 of common stock payable on March 2, 2009. The amount shown reflects 15.4369 shares credited to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

- (3) Reflects number of Common Shares underlying deferred compensation credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of Reporting Person's Required Retainer under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan ("Directors' Plan"). Each Stock Unit is generally distributable following termination of service as a Director.
- (4) The total includes dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Directors' Plan. The number of deferred dividend reinvestment equivalent shares earned in the Plan is calculated using the closing market price at the end of each quarter for shares held in the Plan. The reporting person was credited with 51.6043 dividend reinvestment shares on 3/31/2009.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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