## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person * Eldridge Barry J				C	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 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, STE. 3300					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2011											
(Street)				4.	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 (City) (State) (Zip)				Table I. Non Douberton Countries Asse					ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	ransaction 2A. De		, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		uired	5. Amount of Secu		ies Following	6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Commor	n Stock		01/01/2011				A <sup>(1</sup>	)	64.094		\$ 78.01	14,528.	.1956 (2)		D	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Execution D any	ion Date,	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)		Number		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Am Und Sec	Title and ount of derlying urities str. 3 and	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (D or Indirect	Beneficia Ownershi (Instr. 4)
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#### **Reporting Owners**

D 41 0 N 4	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Eldridge Barry J 200 PUBLIC SQUARE STE. 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X					

# **Signatures**

Traci L. Forrester by Power of Attorney	01/04/2011
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).
- Reflects number of Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's Required Quarterly Retainer for the first quarter of (1) 2011 under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan("Plan"). Full shares earned pursuant to the Plan in 2011 will be issued effective January 2, 2012.
- The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.14 per share, payable to all holders of record as of November 19, 2010 of (2) common stock payable on December 1, 2010. The amount shown reflects 15.8490 shares credited to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

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