## FORM 4

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

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	pe Response													
Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ross Richard Andrew				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				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2011										
(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 (City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	Code (Instr. 8)		n 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported 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)
Commor	n Stock		05/17/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>		10.202		\$ 98.02	2 408.606			D	
Common Stock		05/17/2011		A <sup>(2)</sup>		925	A	\$ 0	1,333.606		D			
Reminder:	Report on a s	separate line fo		Derivative Securit	ies Acquir	Pers cont the t	sons wh tained ir form dis	o respo this fo plays a	orm are curre neficial	not requesting ntly valid	OMB con	formation spond unle trol numbe	ess	1474 (9-02)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transactio Date (Month/Day/	n 3A. Deemed Execution Da any	4. Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8)	5.	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  e S		7. Ti Amo Und Secu	Title and mount of mount of nderlying scurities astr. 3 and 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivate Security Direct ( or Indire	Benefic Owners (Instr. 4	

#### **Reporting Owners**

D C O N	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ross Richard Andrew 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X					

### **Signatures**

/s/ Gina K. Gunning by Power of Attorney	05/19/2011
**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).
- (1) 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 second quarter under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors' Compensation Plan (the "Plan") (which was retroactively increased on May 17, 2011).
- (2) Reflects the number of restricted shares granted to the Reporting Person as the Annual Equity Grant on May 17, 2011, the date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the Plan.

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