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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Kirsch James F	2. Issuer Name and CLIFFS NATUR			e .		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) 1000 LAKESIDE AVENUE		3. Date of Earliest Tr 07/01/2011	ansaction (N	Montl	n/Day/Yea	ır)		Officer (give title below)Ot	her (specify belo	ow)
(Street) CLEVELAND, OH 44114	4	4. If Amendment, Da	te Original	Filed	(Month/Day/	Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group FilingChea _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		ne)
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Т	able I - No	n-De	rivative S	ecurities	Acqu	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Ow	ned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	3. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	tion	4. Securi (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed o		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	able) 10% Owner Dther (specify below neck Applicable Lin rson wned 6. Ownership Form:	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock								1,836.5034 (1)	D	

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

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

	(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if		tion	Derivative		 Date Exer and Expirati 	on Date	7. Title and of Underlyin		Derivative		Ownership	
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		Securities		(Month/Day	/Year)	Securities		Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired ((A)			(Instr. 3 and	4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative Security			× ·		(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					Following Reported Transaction(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Stock Units	(2)	07/01/2011		A ⁽³⁾		64.0342		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares	64.0342	\$ 93.7	1,114.3418 (<u>4</u>)	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kirsch James F 1000 LAKESIDE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114	Х						

Signatures

/s/ P. Kelly Tompkins by Power of Attorney 07/06/2011 **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).
- Total includes 2.4620 shares of Restricted Stock acquired June 1, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors' (1) Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. declared dividends of \$0.14 per share payable payable to all holders of record as of April 29, 2011. The amount also reflects .4390 share credited to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

- (3) Reflects number of Common Shares of underlying deferred compensation credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's required quarterly retainer for the third quarter under the Plan. Each Stock Unit is generally distributable following termination of service as a Director.
- (4) The total includes dividend reinvestment pursuant to the 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 .0007 dividend reinvestment shares on June 30, 2011.

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