

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carrabba Joseph A		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman, Pres. & CEO	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/20/2011			
(Street) CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/20/2011		S		5,000 (1)	D	\$ 74.315 (2)	174,869	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2011		S		5,000 (1)	D	\$ 65.527 (3)	169,869	D	
Common Stock								6,466	I	VNQDC (4)

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carrabba Joseph A 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315	X		Chairman, Pres. & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Madeline Costanzo by Power of Attorney

Signature of Reporting Person

09/22/2011

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) The sales were effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 1, 2011.

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$74.00 to 74.50, inclusive. The Reporting

(2) Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$64.75 to 67.50, inclusive. The Reporting

(3) Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.

(4) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").

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