longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)XDirector10% Owner					
S25 W3:	*	(First) OR HOUSE RD	(Middle)	3. Date 07/02/	of Earliest Tr 2012	ansactio	n (Month/D	ay/Year)	-	Officer (give	e title below)	Other	(specify below	
OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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## Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RIEDERER RICHARD K S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD. OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine By Power of Attorney	07/03/2012
**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).
- The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. declared dividends of \$0.625 per share, payable to all holders of record as of April 27, 2012. The amount shown reflects 31.2191 shares credited on June 1, 2012 to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- 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.
- 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 222.4543 dividend reinvestment shares on June 29, 2012.

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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