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### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Pe<br>TOMPKINS P KELLY | 2. Issuer Name an<br>CLIFFS NATU<br>[CLF]  |  |                    |                   |          |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director10% Owner<br>XOfficer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>EVP Legal Govt, Aff & Sustain. |  |  |                         |
|---|--|--|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUIT                                 | 3. Date of Earliest 02/21/2013             | Transactio   | n (M               | onth/Day/         | Year)    | EVP Legal Govt. All   | .æ Sustain.  |  |  |                         |
| (Street)<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114-231                     | 4. If Amendment, 1                         | Date Origii  | nal Fi             | iled(Month/       | Day/Year | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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<br>(Instr. 3)                       | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if   | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Code<br>Instr. 8) |          | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(A) or<br>Amount (D) Price   |  | 5. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned Following<br>Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
| Common Shares   | 02/21/2013                                 |  | A <u>(1)</u>       |                   | 14,858   | А   | \$<br>26.84  | 34,778   | D  |                         |
| Common Shares   | 02/21/2013                                 |  | F <mark>(2)</mark> |                   | 6,250    | D   | \$<br>26.84  | 28,528   | D  |                         |
| Common Shares   |  |  |                    |                   |          |   |  | 3,781 <sup>(3)</sup>   | Ι  | VNQDC<br>(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  | 2.           | 3. Transaction   | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 4          | 5.         |     | 6. Date Exer   | cisable       | 7. Tit     | le and | 8. Price of    | 9. Number of | 10.         | 11. Nature  |
| Derivative   | e Conversion | Date             | Execution Date, if | Transactio | n 1        | Number a   |     | and Expiration | on Date       | Amount of  |        | Derivative     | Derivative   | Ownership   | of Indirect |
| Security   | or Exercise  | (Month/Day/Year) | any                | Code       | 0          |            |     | (Month/Day     | /Year)        | Underlying |        | Security       | Securities   | Form of     | Beneficial  |
| (Instr. 3)   | Price of     |                  | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | 1          | Derivative |     |                |               | Securities |        | (Instr. 5)     | Beneficially | Derivative  | Ownership   |
|  | Derivative   |                  |                    |            | Securities |            |     |                | (Instr. 3 and |            |        |                | 2            | (Instr. 4)  |             |
|  | Security     |                  |                    |            | Acquired   |            |     |                |               | 4)         |        |                | 0            | Direct (D)  |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            | (A) or     |            |     |                |               |            |        |                | 1            | or Indirect |             |
|  |              |                  |                    | Disposed   |            |            |     |                |               |            |        | Transaction(s) |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            | of (D)     |            |     |                |               |            |        |                | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)  |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |            |     |                |               |            |        |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |            | 5)  |                |               |            |        |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            |            |            |     |                |               |            | Amount |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            |            |            |     | Date           | Expiration    |            | or     |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            |            |            |     | Exercisable    | *             | Title      | Number |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    |            |            |            |     | LACICISADIC    | Date          |            | of     |                |              |             |             |
|  |              |                  |                    | Code V     | V          | (A)        | (D) |                |               |            | Shares |                |              |             |             |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |              |                                |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer                        | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOMPKINS P KELLY<br>200 PUBLIC SQUARE<br>SUITE 3300<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 |               |              | EVP Legal Govt. Aff.& Sustain. |       |  |  |  |  |  |

# Signatures

#### /s/ Carolyn Cheverine by Power of Attorney

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/25/2013

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 a payout of performance shares for the 2010-2012 performance period earned under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.
- (2) Reflects the surrender of 4,929 performance shares and 1,321 restricted share units from the 2010-2012 performance period in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the Reporting Person as a result of the award.
- (3) Balance shown reflects 48, 66 and 81 shares acquired June 1, 2012, August 31, 2012 and December 3, 2012, respectively, pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").
- (4) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the VNQDC.

#### **Remarks:**

2010-2012 Performance Share Payout

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