CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add BRINZO JOH | ress of Reporting Person N S | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | . | | |
| 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR | | (Month/Day/Year) H 05/08/2006 | X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| CLEVELAND | o, OH 44114 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose | ed of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2006 | | Code V S(1) | Amount 1,000 | (A) or (D) D | Price \$ 94.252 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 94,858 | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 71,869 | Ι | By VNQDC |

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Underlying Securitie (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Securities | 8. P. Deri Secu (Ins | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|------------------|--|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Retention Units 2006-2008 | <u>(3)</u> | 05/08/2006 | | A | 2,325 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Shares | 2,325 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| ·r· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| BRINZO JOHN S 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X | | Chairman & CEO | | | | |

Signatures

John S. Brinzo 05/10/2006

**Signature of 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) Common shares sold pursuant to a 10b(5)-1 trading plan entered into August 25, 2005.
- (2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).
- (3) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

Represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 (Incentive Period). Payment of the Retention Units will be made in cash after the completion of the Incentive Period based upon the employment by the Company of the Reporting Person and the market value of a Common Share of the Company on the last day of the Incentive Period.

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