

Mee Terrence R  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
Mee Terrence R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, SUITE 1500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP Global Iron Ore & Metallic

(Street)  
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2544

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |                      |   |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |                      |   |                               |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 461   | A  | \$ 71.89                          | 1,192 <sup>(2)</sup> | I | By<br>VNQDC<br><sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 102   | A  | \$ 71.89                          | 1,294                | I | By<br>VNQDC<br><sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | A <sup>(4)</sup>               |   | 8,764   | A  | \$ 71.89                          | 20,944               | D |                               |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | F <sup>(5)</sup>               |   | 3,485   | D  | \$ 71.89                          | 17,459               | D |                               |

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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) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 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 (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Mee Terrence R<br>1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE<br>SUITE 1500<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2544 |               |           | SVP Global Iron Ore & Metallic |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Keirsten Riedel by Power of Attorney  
02/15/2012

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).
- (1) Reflects a percentage of a payout in common stock of performance shares and of the restricted share units earned under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan from the 2009-2011 performance period and deferred under the Issuer's Voluntary Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").
- (2) Balance shown reflects 1, 3 and 3 shares acquired June 1, 2011, September 1, 2011 and December 1, 2011, respectively, pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC.
- (3) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the VNQDC.
- (4) Reflects a payout of performance shares for the 2009-2011 performance period earned under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.

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- (5) Reflects the surrender of 2,860 performance shares and 625 restricted share units from the 2009-2011 performance period in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the Reporting Person as a result of the award.

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