

Eldridge Barry J  
Form 4  
January 05, 2010

**FORM 4**

**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 Person \*  
Eldridge Barry J

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)

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, STE. 3300

(Street)

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

01/04/2010

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                        | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 01/04/2010                              |                                                             | A <sup>(1)</sup>                     |                                                                         | 108.4834                                                                                                           | A                                                                       | \$<br>46.09                                                       |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                         | 12,829.4243<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                     |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                            | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Eldridge Barry J<br>200 PUBLIC SQUARE<br>STE. 3300<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Traci L. Forrester by Power of Attorney  
 Date: 01/05/2010

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).

- Reflects number of Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's Required Quarterly Retainer for the first quarter of 2010 under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan. ("Plan") Full shares earned in 2010 will be issued effective January 2, 2011.

- On November 9, 2009, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.0875 per share, payable to all holders of record as of November 20, 2009 of common stock payable on December 1, 2009. The amount shown reflects 12.5434 shares acquired pursuant to a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan for the Company's Common Stock.

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