

Eldridge Barry J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 01/01/2012

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

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 01/01/2012                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | V   | 96.231  | A  | \$ 62.35                          |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,891.274  | D  | <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 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## 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

/s/ Madeline Costanzo by Power of Attorney 01/04/2012

\*\*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).  
 Reflects number of Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in a payment of the Reporting Person's required quarterly retainer for the first quarter under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors' Compensation Plan. Full shares earned pursuant to the Plan in 2012 will be issued effective January 1, 2013.  
 The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. declared dividends of \$0.28 per share, payable to all holders of record as of  
 (2) November 18, 2011. The amount shown reflects 36.6481 shares credited on December 1, 2011 to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

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