

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 * IRELAND JAMES D III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2004					
1801 EAST 9TH STREET, SUITE 1700								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M		500	A	\$ 39.4375	3,411	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M		500	A	\$ 41.6875	3,911	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		F(1)		389	D	\$ 104.24	3,522	D	
Common Stock								58,599	I	Co-Trustee (2)

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 41.6875	12/21/2004		M		500		11/14/1996	05/14/2006	Common Shares	500	\$ 0	0	D	
Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 39.4375	12/21/2004		M		500		11/09/1995	05/09/2005	Common Shares	500	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

IRELAND JAMES D III 1801 EAST 9TH STREET SUITE 1700 CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X			
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Signatures

John E. Lenhard; by Power of Attorney		12/22/2004
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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 shares delivered in payment of exercise price.

(2) Reflects common shares held in five trusts for the benefit of siblings and the Reporting Person who is co-trustee of the trusts. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of 43,949.25 of these shares. The Reporting Person has an interest in the income or corpus with respect to 14,649.75 shares.

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