

# 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* <b>LEROUX ROBERT J</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>Vice President &amp; Controller</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/11/2004</b>			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		
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)			CLEVELAND, OH 44114					
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	03/11/2004		A	(1)	719	A	\$ 0	1,667	I	By VNQDC (2)
Common Stock								1,245	D	

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
Retention Units	(3)	03/11/2004		D		300		(4)	(4)	Common Shares	300	\$ 50.95	0	D	
Retention Units	(3)	03/11/2004		A		300		(5)	(5)	Common Shares	300	\$ 0	300	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEROUX ROBERT J 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Vice President & Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ Robert J. Leroux		03/15/2004
**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 payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended, for the 2001-2003 Performance Period and deferred under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).
- (3) Converted common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (4) Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003 (Retention Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash on March 11, 2004, based on the market value prices of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.  
Represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program (LTI Program) covering the period January 1, 2004
- (5) through December 31, 2006 ("Retention Period"). Payment of the Retention Units will be made in cash after the completion of the Retention 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 Retention Period.

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