

# 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*<br>RIEDERER RICHARD K |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]      |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/01/2012                          |  |  |   |  |  |
| S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD.                                     |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)   |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                    |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |  |
| OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066   |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |         |          | <b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |  |  |   |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------|-------|--|---|--|
|                                    |   |   | Code                              | V | Amount   | (A) or (D) | Price |  |   |  |
| Common Stock                       |   |   |                                   |   |  |            |       | 2,415.287 (1)  | 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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--|---|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date |  |   |   |   |   |
| Stock Units                                   | (2)  | 10/01/2012                              |   | A                                 |   | 154,321  | (3) | (3)   | (3)             | Common Shares  | \$ 38.88                                      | 20,031.5757   | D   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIEDERER RICHARD K<br>S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD.<br>OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine By Power of Attorney | 10/03/2012 |
| **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) The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. declared dividends of \$0.625 per share, payable to all holders of record as of August 15, 2012. The amount also reflects 41.462 shares credited on August 31, 2012 to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

(3) Reflects number of Common Shares of underlying deferred compensation credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's required quarterly retainer for the fourth quarter under the Plan. Each Stock unit is generally distributable following termination of service as a Director.

(4) The total includes dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Plan. The number of deferred dividend reinvestment equivalent shares earned in the Plan is calculated using the closing market price at the end of each quarter for shares held in the Plan. The Reporting Person was credited with 307.6938 dividend reinvestment shares on September 28, 2012.

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