

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Michaud James R		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]		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)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2012		SVP, Human Resources	
(Street) CLEVELAND, OH 44114		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 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(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	05/21/2012		P		500	A	\$ 49.33	4,797	D	
Common Stock								1,008	I	By VNQDC (1)

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)		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)					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Michaud James R 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114			SVP, Human Resources	

Signatures

/s/ Carolyn E. Cheverine By Power of Attorney	05/22/2012
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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) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Issuer's 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints P. Kelly Tompkins, Carolyn E. Cheverine, James D. Graham, Madeline M. Costanzo, and Keirsten Riedel and each of them, as the true and lawful attorney or attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution and revocation, for the undersigned and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, to execute, on behalf of the undersigned any and all statements or reports considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time ("Exchange Act") with respect to the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.125 per share, of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. ("Company"), including, without limitation, all initial statements of beneficial ownership on Form 3; all statements of changes in beneficial ownership on Form 4; all annual statements of beneficial ownership on Form 5; and all notices of proposed sale of securities on Form 144; and any and all other documents that may be required, from time to time, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to execute any and all amendments or supplements to any such statements or forms, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting to said attorney or attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, full power and authority to do so and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney or attorneys-in-fact or any of them or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. This Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect as long as the undersigned is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16 with respect to the undersigned's holdings and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 4th day of May, 2012.

/s/ James Michaud
James Michaud
Senior Vice President, Human Resources