

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)  
10/01/2009

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 10/01/2009                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | V Amount \$ 147.3477 A 30.54                                      | 12,708.3975 <sup>(2)</sup>  | 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)**

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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

Traci L. Forrester by Power of Attorney  
 10/05/2009  
 \*\*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 payment of the Reporting Person's Required
- (1) Quarterly Retainer for the fourth quarter of 2009 under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan. Full shares earned in 2009 will be issued effective January 4, 2010.
  - (2) On July 14, 2009, Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.04 per share, payable to all holders of record as of August 14, 2009 of common stock payable on September 1, 2009. The amount shown reflects 9.9462 shares acquired pursuant to a Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan for the Company's Common Stock.

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