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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								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Boor William C	2. Issuer Name <b>a</b> CLIFFS NATU [CLF]			0.		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Last) (First) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SU	3. Date of Earliest 02/13/2012	Transactio	n (M	lonth/Day/	Year)	SVP, Global Ferr	oanoys.			
(Street) CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2	4. If Amendment,	Date Origi	nal F	iled(Month/	Day/Yea	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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)	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)	Ownership Form: H Direct (D) (	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/13/2012		A <mark>(1)</mark>		21,038	A	\$ 71.89	41,989.4363	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F <sup>(2)</sup>		9,435	D	\$ 71.89	32,554.4363 ( <u>3)</u>	D	
Common Stock								16,891 <u>(4)</u>	Ι	VNQDC

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)

-	(e.g., puts, cans, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.	5	i.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n N	Number		and Expirati	Expiration Date Ame		unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code	0	of (Mont		(Month/Day	y/Year) Underlyin		rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	D	Derivative		Securities (Instr.		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership		
	Derivative				S	Securi	ecurities		(Instr. 3 and			Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)	
	Security				A	Acquired		4)			Following	Direct (D)			
						(A) or							Reported	or Indirect	
					Disposed								Transaction(s)	(I)	
					of (D)								(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(Instr. 3,										
					4	4, and 5)									
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								Date	Evairation		or				
								Exercisable	Expiration	Title	Number				
								Exercisable Da	Date		of				
				Code V	/ (	(A)	(D)				Shares				

### **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Boor William C 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315			SVP, Global Ferroalloys.					

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Keirsten Riedel by Power of Attorney

02/14/2012

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 a payout of performance shares for the 2009-2011 performance period earned under the Issuer's 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.
- (2) Reflects the surrender of 7,474 performance shares and 1,961 restricted share units from the 2009-2011 performance period in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the Reporting Person as a result of the award.
- (3) The amount shown reflects 13.5078, 10.1217, 22.4855, 43.6417 and 49.3305 shares credited on December 2, 2010, March 2, 2011, June 2, 2011, September 2, 2011 and December 2, 2011, respectively, to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Balance shown reflects 58 and 69 shares acquired September 1, 2011 and December 1, 2011, respectively, pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the Issuer's 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").

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