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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/19/2012

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) The sale reported was effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 6, 2011.
- Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (2) ("VNQDC").

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