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Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Smith Clifford T                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]                |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 01/11/2011                           |  |  |
| 200 PUBLIC SQUARE,Â SUITE 3300            |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| CLEVELAND,Â OHÂ 44114                     |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | SVP, Global Business Dev.                          |  |
|   |         |                                      |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 8,561 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 11,740 <sup>(2)</sup>                                 | I  | by 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
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| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Smith Clifford T<br>200 PUBLIC SQUARE<br>SUITE 3300<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 | ^             | ^         | ^ SVP, Global Business Dev. | ^     |

## Signatures

Clifford T.  
Smith 01/19/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- Balance shown reflects 5,531 common shares held by the reporting owner and 540, 1,530, and 960 restricted share units granted to the
- (1) reporting person for the 2008-2010, 2009-2011 and 2010-2012 performance periods, respectively, pursuant to the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.
  - (2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Company's 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC).

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