

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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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 *
GONCALVES LOURENCO

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, SUITE 3300
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/17/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President & CEO

CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and An Underlying Sec |
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| (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance-Based RSUs | (1) | 11/17/2014(2) | A | | 400,000 | | (1) | (1) | Common Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GONCALVES LOURENCO 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | X | | Chairman, President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ James D. Graham by Power of
Attorney

12/19/2014

__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).

(1) This November 17, 2014 grant is an award of performance-based restricted stock units ("PRsUs") to the Reporting Person under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Incentive Equity Plan. The Reporting Person did not pay any purchase price for the PRsUs, which are considered a derivative security; they instead were a compensatory grant to the Reporting Person under the terms of his employment letter agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 of Form 8-K/A on September 16, 2014. Each PRsU represents a contingent right to receive one common share of Issuer. The PRsUs are considered a derivative security because the Insider can earn the PRsUs based on share price appreciation. Under the terms of the award, the performance period will run from August 7, 2014 through December 31, 2017. SEE CONTINUATION OF FN1 IN "REMARKS".

(2) This Form 4, which is being filed on December 19, 2014, reports the PRsU grant that was made on November 17, 2014, the date on which the Issuer's Compensation and Organization Committee actually granted the award. This Form 4 relates only to that November 2014 award.

Remarks:

FN1 CONTINUED: In general, the following number of PRsUs will be earned, subject to continued employment, based on the

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