CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC

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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)

	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
st) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
VENUE, 15TH	(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2006	Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
eet)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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	f Reporting Person * MES A st) (Middle) AVENUE, 15TH set)	Symbol CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF] St) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) AVENUE, 15TH 03/03/2006 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			

(City)	(State) (Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/03/2006		A <u>(1)</u>	5,497	A	\$ 86.05	14,993	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2006		F(2)	1,756	D	\$ 86.05	13,237	D	
Common Stock							4,302	I	By VNQDC
Common Stock							14,878	I	Wife

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 (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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		vative Expiration Date ies (Month/Day/Year) ed ed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. P. Deri Sect (Ins
				Code V	⁷ (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Retention Units 2003-2005	<u>(4)</u>	03/03/2006		D	2,400 (5)	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Shares	2,400	\$ 8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TRETHEWEY JAMES A 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114

S.V.P.- Bus. Development

Signatures

George W. Hawk, Jr. by Power of Attorney 03/07/2006

**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) Reflects payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended, for the 2003-2005 Performance Period.
- (2) Surrender of Performance Shares represented in footnote (1) in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the reporting person.
 - Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan
- (3) (VNQDC). The balance shown also includes 10 shares acquired March 1, 2006 (to shareholders of record on February 15, 2006) pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC.

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- (4) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 1,200 additional retention units.
- Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January (6) 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005 (Retention Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash based on the market value price of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.

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