Carrabba Joseph A Form 4 February 23, 2012

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Carrabba Joseph A Issuer Symbol **CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES** (Check all applicable) INC. [CLF] (First) (Last) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 02/21/2012 Chairman, Pres. & CEO 3300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	omr Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
					Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)

		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr.
Common Stock	02/21/2012	A(1)	118,463	A	\$ 71.89	288,332	D
Common Stock	02/21/2012	F(2)	59,349	D	\$ 71.89	228,983	D

Common **VNQDC**  $6,515 \frac{(3)}{}$ I (4) Stock

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)

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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carrabba Joseph A

200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 X Chairman, Pres. & CEO

CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

# **Signatures**

/s/ Joseph A. Carrabba 02/23/2012

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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 48,306 performance shares and 11,043 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) Balance shown reflects 22 and 27 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").
- (4) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the VNQDC.

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