

BRLAS LAURIE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BRLAS LAURIE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2012

CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Following 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			
Common Stock	02/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	500 D \$ 70	63,616	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	100 D \$ 69.94	63,516	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	400 D \$ 69.93	63,116	D	
Common Stock					15,784	I	By VNQDC <u>(2)</u>

