Paradie Terrance M Form 4 March 14, 2012

### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Paradie Terrance M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

03/12/2012

**CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES** INC. [CLF]

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

SVP-Corp.Controller/CAO

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

3300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned (Instr. 4) Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 1,370 03/12/2012 \$0 A A 9,736 D (1) Stock

Common VNODC 6,042 I 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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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Paradie Terrance M 200 PUBLIC SQUARE **SUITE 3300** CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

SVP-Corp.Controller/CAO

## **Signatures**

/s/ Keirsten Riedel By Power of Attorney

03/14/2012

\*\*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).
- Reflects the number of restricted share units granted to the Reporting Person on March 12, 2012 for the Performance Period 2012 to 2014 **(1)** from the Issuer's Amended and Restated Cliffs 2007 Incentive Equity Plan.
- (2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Issuer's 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").

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