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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

À BRLAS LAURIE

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/11/2006

CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC, 1100 SUPERIOR **AVENUE**

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner

Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior VP CFO and Treasurer

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

CLEVELAND. OHÂ 44114

(State)

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise Price of

4.

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4) **Expiration Title**

Exercisable Date Amount or Number of

Derivative Security

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			Shares			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Retention Units 2006-2008	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	1,200	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Plante / Plantess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BRLAS LAURIE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114	Â	Â	Senior VP CFO and Treasurer	Â		

Signatures

Laurie Brlas 12/12/2006

**Signature of Person

**Bignature of Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Retention Units were granted on the date the Reporting Person joined the Company.
- Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January (2) 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008 (Retention Period). Retention units will be paid out to the 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.
- (3) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

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