

Mehan Richard R.
Form 4
March 10, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Mehan Richard R.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES
INC. [CLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

LEVEL 12, THE QUADRANT, 1
WILLIAM STREET

(Street)

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

03/08/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

SVP, Pres. & CEO Cliffs Asia-P

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

PERTH, C3 6000

(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					18,604	D	

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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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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P Der Secr (Ins
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Retention Units 2010-2012	(1)	03/08/2010		P		1,760	(2) (2)	Common Shares 1,760

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Mehan Richard R. LEVEL 12, THE QUADRANT 1 WILLIAM STREET PERTH, C3 6000	SVP, Pres. & CEO Cliffs Asia-P

Signatures

Traci L. Forrester by Power of Attorney
03/10/2010

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

The number represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 2007 Incentive Equity Plan (Plan) covering the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 (Incentive Period). Payment of the Retention Units is made in cash after the completion of the Incentive Period based upon the employment of the Reporting Person and the market value of the Company's shares at the end of the Incentive Period pursuant to the Plan.

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