CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 4

February 22, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Harapiak Maurice | | | 2. Issuer Name Symbol | and Ticker or Trading | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | CLIFFS NAT INC. [CLF] | URAL RESOURCES | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earlies (Month/Day/Yea | | | 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
| 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 | | | 02/17/2017 | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | man Resources | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment | , Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/ | Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - No | on-Derivative Securities Acc | quired, Disposed of, o | or Beneficially Owned | | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction | Date 2A. Deem | ned 3. | 4. Securities Acquired | 5. Amount of 6 | 5. 7. Nature | | |

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|-----|--|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 02/17/2017 | | Code V F | Amount 2,478 (1) | (D) | Price \$ 11.49 | 303,435 | D | |
| Common Shares | 02/21/2017 | | A | 24,265 (2) | A | \$0 | 327,700 | D | |

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

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber | | Expiration D | ration Date | | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | 3 and 4) | | Own |
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| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Or Number | | |
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| | | | | C + V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Harapiak Maurice 200 PUBLIC SQUARE **SUITE 3300** CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

EVP, Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney

02/22/2017

**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).
- Surrender of shares in payment of tax liability incurred on February 17, 2017, the date distribution of vested restricted stock units to the **(1)** Reporting Person granted in 2014.
- Reflects the number of restricted share units granted to the Reporting Person on February 21, 2017 from the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan. This grant vests on December 31, 2019.

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