CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 4

February 22, 2017

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Flanagan Timothy K Issuer Symbol **CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES** (Check all applicable) INC. [CLF] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 02/17/2017 EVP, CFO & Treasurer 3300 (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting 5 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I. Non Darivotive Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Rangicially Ox

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Securities Acquired on(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 1,091 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 11.49	165,626	D	
Common Shares	02/21/2017		A	24,265 (2)	A	\$0	189,891	D	

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

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Flanagan Timothy K 200 PUBLIC SQUARE **SUITE 3300**

EVP, CFO & Treasurer

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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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