

Vetor Duke D
Form 4
March 06, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Vetor Duke D

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)

17385 TALL TREE TRAIL

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2009

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

SVP - N. American Coal

CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44023

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

(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)
Common Stock	03/05/2009		A ⁽¹⁾	4,620 A	\$ 15.43	18,570	D
Common Stock	03/05/2009		F ⁽²⁾	1,559 D	\$ 15.43	17,011 ⁽³⁾	D

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)

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Retention Units 2006-2008	(4) (5)	03/05/2009		D	1,320	(6)	(6)	Common Shares	1,320 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Vetur Duke D 17385 TALL TREE TRAIL CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44023	SVP - N. American Coal

Signatures

George W. Hawk, Jr. by Power of Attorney
03/06/2009
**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).
- (1) Reflects payout in Common Stock of Performance Shares earned under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 1992 Equity Plan (as Amended and Restated as of May 13, 1997) as amended ("Plan"), for the 2006-2008 Performance Period.
- (2) Surrender of Performance Shares represented in footnote (1) in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the reporting person.
- (3) Total ownership reflects the 2-for-1 stock split on May 15, 2008, which resulted in the reporting person's acquiring 6,975 additional shares.
- (4) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (5) Total ownership reflects the 2-for-1 stock split on May 15, 2008, which resulted in the reporting person's receiving 660 additional Retention Units.
- (6) Represents a payout of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program of the Plan covering the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 (Incentive Period). Payment of the Retention Units was made in cash after the completion of the Incentive Period based upon the employment by the Company of the Reporting Person and the market value of a Common Share of the Company on December 31, 2008 pursuant to the Plan.

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