

BRLAS LAURIE
Form 4
October 19, 2011

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 *
BRLAS LAURIE

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)
**200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE
3300**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/17/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP and CFO

(Street)
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/17/2011		S ⁽¹⁾		500	D	\$ 64.012 ⁽²⁾
Common Stock							15,720 ⁽³⁾
						I	By VNQDC ⁽⁴⁾

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRLAS LAURIE
200 PUBLIC SQUARE
SUITE 3300
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315

Executive VP and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Keirsten Riedel by Power of
Attorney

10/19/2011

**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) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on September 6, 2011.
- The price reported in column four is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$64.00 to \$64.02, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, with full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (2)
- (3) Balance shown reflects 54 shares acquired September 1, 2011 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. 2005 Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan ("VNQDC").
- (4) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the VNQDC.

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