

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
RIEDERER RICHARD K

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2009

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

S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066

(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				(A) or (D)	2,278.0255 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)**

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units	(2)	04/01/2009		A	262.605	(3) (3)	Common Shares	262.605

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIEDERER RICHARD K S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD. OCONOMOWAC, WI 53066			X	

## Signatures

George W. Hawk, Jr. by Power of Attorney	04/02/2009
**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) The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.0875 per share, payable to all holders of record as of February 17, 2009 of common stock payable on March 2, 2009. The amount shown reflects 15.4369 shares credited to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Company's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.  
Reflects number of Common Shares underlying deferred compensation credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of Reporting Person's Required Retainer under the Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan ("Directors' Plan"). Each Stock Unit is generally distributable following termination of service as a Director.
- (3) The total includes dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Directors' Plan. The number of deferred dividend reinvestment equivalent shares earned in the Plan is calculated using the closing market price at the end of each quarter for shares held in the Plan. The reporting person was credited with 51.6043 dividend reinvestment shares on 3/31/2009.

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