CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC.

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

S25 W35020 MANOR HOUSE RD.

(Street)

07/01/2009

(Month/Day/Year)

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

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 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

Stock

2,281.1417 (1) 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of ionDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	07/01/2009		A	185.4905		(3)	(3)	Common Shares	185.4905

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	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 07/02/2009

**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).
- The Board of Directors of Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. (the "Company") declared a dividend of \$.04 per share, payable to all holders of (1) record as of May 22, 2009 of common stock payable on June 1, 2009. The amount shown reflects 3.1162 dividend reinvestment 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 underlying deferred compensation in Common Shares credited to the account of the Reporting Person in payment of the Reporting Person's Required Retainer under the Company's Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan (As Amended and Restated
- (3) Reporting Person's Required Retainer under the Company's Nonemployee Directors Compensation Plan (As Amended and Restated December 12, 2008)("Plan"). Each Stock Unit is generally distributable following termination of service as a Director.
- The total includes dividend reinvestment shares acquired pursuant to the Plan. The number of deferred dividend reinvestment equivalent (4) 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 21.8352 dividend reinvestment shares on 6/30/2009.

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