

CLEVELAND CLIFFS 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 \*  
**LEROUX ROBERT J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE  
(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/04/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President & Controller

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

**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 (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/04/2005                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,139 A \$ 0  | 6,629   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/04/2005                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               | 1,322 D \$ 0  | 5,307 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,342 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | By<br>VNQDC<br><u>(4)</u>                             |

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... Der... Sec... (Ins... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Retention Units 2002-2004                  | (5)  | 03/04/2005                           |  | D                              | 1,350   | (6) (6)  | Common Shares 1,350 (7)                                       | \$ 4                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| LEROUX ROBERT J<br>1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44114 |               |           | Vice President & Controller |       |

## Signatures

Robert J. Leroux 03/07/2005

\*\*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, for the 2002-2004 Performance Period.
- (2) Surrender of Performance Shares represented in footnote (1) in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the reporting person.
- (3) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 1,245 additional shares of common stock.  
Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan
- (4) (VNQDC). The amount reflects a 2-for-1 stock split on December 31, 2004 resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 1,669 shares. Balance shown also includes 4 shares acquired March 1, 2005 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC.
- (5) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.

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- Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January
- (6) 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004 (Retention Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash based on the market value prices of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.
  - (7) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 675 additional Retention Units in the 2002-2004 Performance Period.

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