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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF] **Â** Williams Colin Grant (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, Â SUITE (Check all applicable) 3300 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting VP, Asia Pacific Iron Ore Person CLEVELAND, OHÂ 44114 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 4. 5. 6. Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Derivative Security Form of (Instr. 5) Price of Derivative (Instr. 4) Security: Derivative Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D) Number of Exercisable Date or Indirect Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Retention Units 2010-2012 $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} Shares$ 1,250 $\$ \stackrel{(2)}{=} D \hat{A}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Williams Colin Grant 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114	Â	Â	VP, Asia Pacific Iron Ore	Â

Signatures

/s/ Gina K. Gunning by Power of Attorney

02/09/2011

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 number represents a grant of Retention Units to the Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc 2007 Incentive Equity Plan (Plan) covering the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 (Incentive Period). Payment of the Retention Units is made in cash after the completion of the Incentive Period based upon the employment of the Reporting Person and the market value of the Company's shares at the end of the Incentive Period pursuant to the Plan.

(2) Convertible into Common Share value on a 1-for-1 basis.

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