

CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
TRETHERWEY JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR

(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)
07/02/2004

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)
S.V.P.- Bus. Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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	07/02/2004		G	V ⁽¹⁾ 1,666 D \$ 0	6,334	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	3,333 A \$ 54.1406	9,667	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		M	3,333 A \$ 64.9688	13,000	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2004		S	6,666 D \$ 104	6,334	D	
Common Stock					2,129	I	By VNQDC (2)

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Common Stock 1,666 I Wife

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 54.1406	12/21/2004		M	3,333	01/12/2003 01/12/2009	Common Shares	3,333
Options (right-to-buy)	\$ 64.9688	12/21/2004		M	3,333	01/12/2003 01/12/2009	Common Shares	3,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRETHERWEY JAMES A 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114			S.V.P.- Bus. Development	

Signatures

James A. Trethewey 12/22/2004

**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) Transfer of shares into spouse's individual account.

(2) Held for the benefit of the Reporting Person by the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Voluntary Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan (VNQDC). Balance shown includes 3 shares acquired December 1, 2004 pursuant to the dividend reinvestment feature of the VNQDC.

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