CLEVELAND CLIFFS 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 * GUNNING DAVID H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC [CLF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR			(Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative (Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	03/03/2006		Code V $A_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 17,180	(D)	Price \$ 86.05	50,687	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2006		F(2)	7,107	D	\$ 86.05	43,580	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number ion Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Underlying Sec (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Securities	8. P. Deri Secu (Ins	
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Retention Units 2003-2005	(3)	03/03/2006	D	7,500 (4)	(5)	<u>(5)</u>	Common Shares	7,500	\$ 8

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GUNNING DAVID H 1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE 15TH FLOOR CLEVELAND, OH 44114	X		Vice Chairman				

Signatures

David H.
Gunning

**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 2003-2005 Performance Period.
- (2) Surrender of Performance Shares represented in footnote (1) in payment of the related tax liability incurred by the reporting person.
- (3) Convertible into Common Shares on a 1-for-1 basis.
- (4) On December 31, 2004, the common stock of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 3,750 additional retention units.
- Retention Units granted to Reporting Person under the Cleveland-Cliffs Inc Long-Term Incentive Program covering the period of January (5) 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005 (Retention Period) were paid-out to Reporting Person in cash based on the market value price of the Common Shares of the Issuer on the last day of the Retention Period.

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