

CLEVELAND CLIFFS INC

Form 11-K

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington D.C. 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

**FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF EMPLOYEE STOCK  
REPURCHASE SAVINGS AND SIMILAR PLANS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**þ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2004

**OR**

**o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_

Commission file number: 1-8944

**NORTHSHORE MINING COMPANY  
and  
SILVER BAY POWER COMPANY  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

10 OUTER DRIVE  
SILVER BAY, MINNESOTA 55614

(Full Title of the plan and the address of the plan,  
if different from that of issuer named below)

**CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC, 1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2589**

(Name of Issuer of the securities held pursuant to  
the Plan and the address of its principal executive office)



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NORTHSHORE MINING COMPANY AND  
SILVER BAY POWER COMPANY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH  
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

December 31, 2004

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Plan Administrator

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company Retirement Savings Plan  
Cleveland, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of the NORTHSHORE MINING COMPANY AND SILVER BAY POWER COMPANY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of NORTHSHORE MINING COMPANY AND SILVER BAY POWER COMPANY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN as of December 31, 2003 and for the year then ended, were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 25, 2004, expressed an unqualified opinion on these financial statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Northshore Mining Company And Silver Bay Power Company Retirement Savings Plan as of December 31, 2004 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2004, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ MEADEN & MOORE  
MEADEN & MOORE, LTD.  
Certified Public Accountants

April 11, 2005  
Cleveland, Ohio

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## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan

	December 31	
	2004	2003
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$	\$ 98,523
Receivable Employee contributions	<b>106,287</b>	
Receivable Employer contributions	<b>68,915</b>	
Receivable Employer discretionary contribution	<b>1,963,670</b>	
Total Receivables	<b>2,138,872</b>	
Investments:		
Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Common Stock	<b>6,545,573</b>	2,784,653
T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund	<b>5,455,369</b>	5,100,918
T. Rowe Price Equity Spectrum Income Fund	<b>5,315,763</b>	5,194,869
T. Rowe Price New America Growth Fund	<b>4,698,683</b>	4,053,128
T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation Fund	<b>5,759,272</b>	4,976,580
T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund	<b>2,643,075</b>	2,857,128
T. Rowe Price International Stock Fund	<b>3,639,339</b>	3,342,191
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund	<b>3,507,934</b>	2,693,460
T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	<b>3,800,556</b>	2,751,580
T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	<b>2,149,347</b>	1,654,906
Participant Loans	<b>1,408,666</b>	1,350,287
Total Investments	<b>44,923,577</b>	36,759,700
Total Assets	<b>47,062,449</b>	36,858,223
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ <b>47,062,449</b>	\$ 36,858,223

*See accompanying notes.*

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan

	Year Ended December 31	
	2004	2003
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 2,603,750	\$ 621,257
Employee	2,549,233	2,444,875
Rollover	42,021	7,999
	<b>5,195,004</b>	3,074,131
Interest and dividend income	949,889	680,960
Net unrealized gain on investments	7,548,531	7,276,528
Total Additions	<b>13,693,424</b>	11,031,619
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	3,489,198	2,815,104
Net Increase	<b>10,204,226</b>	8,216,515
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	<b>36,858,223</b>	28,641,708
End of Year	\$ <b>47,062,449</b>	\$ 36,858,223

*See accompanying notes.*

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan

**1 Description of Plan**

The following description of The Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company Retirement Savings Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

***General:***

The Plan, which began October 1, 1994, is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Northshore Mining Company & Silver Bay Power Company who meet the eligibility requirements. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan was amended effective January 1, 2003. The Amendment changed the distribution policies.

***Eligibility:***

All full time employees of the Companies are eligible to participate in the Plan.

***Contributions:***

**Employee deferral** Participants may elect a portion of their compensation between 1% to 18%) to be contributed to the Plan by the Company.

**Employer Contributions** The Company contributes a matching contribution equal to 50% of Participant pre-tax contributions not in excess of 6% of participant's eligible earnings for the Plan year. An additional matching amount may be contributed by the Company based on the excess of 5% of the Company's pre-tax earnings over the minimum matching contribution.

The Company may also contribute for any Plan year additional matching amounts (as limited) as shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Contributions are subject to limitations on annual additions and other limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code as defined in the Plan agreement.



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Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan

**1 Description of Plan, Continued**

***Participants Accounts:***

401(k) Accounts Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, employer matching contributions, earnings and losses thereon. Plan participants are allocated participation in the fund(s) based on cash value. Under the cash value method, total monthly earnings are divided by the total value of the fund(s) to obtain a ratio, which is then multiplied by each participant's account balance in the fund(s) at the beginning of the month.

Rollover contributions from other Plans are also accepted, providing certain specified conditions are met.

***Vesting:***

All participants are 100% vested in elective deferrals, rollover contributions, and company matching and discretionary contributions made to the Plan.

***Participants Loans:***

Loans are permitted under certain circumstances and are subject to limitations. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts, minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loans are repaid over a period not to exceed 5 years with exceptions for the purchase of a primary residence.

The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commercially reasonable that is published on the first day of the month preceding the month the loan was granted. Principal and interest are paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

***Payment of Benefits:***

Upon termination of service by reason of retirement, a participant has the option to keep their funds in the plan without option of contribution until age 70 1/2 or receive a lump sum equal to the value of his or her account. Upon death a participant's beneficiaries receives a lump sum amount equal to the value of his or her account.

***Hardship Withdrawals:***

Hardship withdrawals are permitted in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

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Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
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**1 Description of Plan, Continued**

***Investment Options:***

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct his or her contributions in any or all of the following investment options.

**Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Common Stock**

Common stock

**T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund**

The objective of the fund is to match the performance of the Standard & Poors 500 Stock Index. The S&P 500 is made up of primarily large-cap companies that represent a broad spectrum for the U.S. economy and about 70% of the U.S. stock market's total capitalization.

**T. Rowe Price Equity Spectrum Income Fund**

The fund seeks a high level of current income with moderate share price fluctuation.

**T. Rowe Price New America Growth Fund**

The investment objective is to provide long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in the common stocks of U.S. growth companies operating in sectors T. Rowe Price believes to be the fastest growing in the U.S.

**T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation Fund**

The fund seeks to maximize long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in common stocks. In addition, the fund may hold fixed income and other securities to help preserve principal value in uncertain or declining markets.

**T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund**

The fund's objectives are preservation of capital, liquidity, and, consistent with these, the highest possible current income.

**T. Rowe Price International Stock Fund**

The fund's objective is long-term growth of capital through investments primarily in common stocks of established, non-U.S. companies.

**T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund**

The stable value fund is a common trust fund established by the T. Rowe Price Trust Company under Maryland banking law, and its units are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933.

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Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
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**1 Description of Plan, Continued**

*Investment Options, Continued:*

**T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund**

The investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in mid-cap stocks offering the potential for above-average earnings growth.

**T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund**

The objective is to provide substantial dividend income as well as long-term capital appreciation through investments in common stocks of established companies.

**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Basis of Accounting:*

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. All investment securities are stated at fair value as measured by quoted prices in active markets. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. Investments include participant loans valued at their outstanding balances, which approximate fair value.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

*Use of Estimates:*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Administrative Fees:*

The trust pays the trustee fees, audit fees and other expenses of the Plan, unless the Company elects to pay all or part of these expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company paid all such expenses. Other administrative expenses of the Plan, such as salaries and use of facilities are paid by the Company.

*Plan Termination:*

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan**3 Tax Status**

On April 17, 2003, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue code. The Plan has been amended, however, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

**4 Investments**

The Plan's funds are invested in the various stock, bond and cash investments enumerated in Note 1, through the T. Rowe Price. Investments which constitute more than 5% of the Plan's net assets are:

	<b>2004</b>	2003
Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Common Stock	\$ <b>6,545,573</b>	\$ 2,784,653
T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund	\$ <b>5,455,369</b>	\$ 5,100,918
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**5 Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, the Trustees as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Usual and customary fees were paid by the mutual fund for the investment management services.

The Plan purchased shares of Cliffs' common stock for \$1,537,145 and sold shares of Cliffs' common stock for \$2,593,848 in 2004.

**6 Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risk such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR  
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Northshore Mining Company and Silver Bay Power Company  
Retirement Savings Plan

EIN 84-1116857  
Plan Number 001

December 31, 2004

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. Common Stock	Stock	N/A	\$ 6,545,573
*	T. Rowe Price Equity Index 500 Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	5,455,369
*	T. Rowe Price Equity Spectrum Income Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	5,315,763
*	T. Rowe Price New America Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	4,698,683
*	T. Rowe Price Capital Appreciation Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	5,759,272
*	T. Rowe Price Prime Reserve Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	2,643,075
*	T. Rowe Price International Stock Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	3,639,339
*	T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	3,507,934
*	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	3,800,556
*	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	Mutual Fund	N/A	2,149,347
	Participant Loans	Notes receivable (interest at prevailing local rate)	N/A	1,408,666
				\$44,923,577

\* Party-in-interest to the Plan.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHSHORE MINING COMPANY and  
SILVER BAY POWER COMPANY  
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

By: Pension Committee,  
Plan Administrator

Date: June 24, 2005

By: /s/ Robert J. Leroux  
Member

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23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed Herewith
99.1	Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the Year Ended December 31, 2003	Filed Herewith