

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
<u>Smith Clifford T</u>	<u>CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC. [CLF]</u>	Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>EVP & Chief Operating Officer</u> Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	10% Owner
<u>200 PUBLIC SQUARE</u>	<u>01/05/2026</u>	
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<u>CLEVELAND OH 44114-2315</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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	(A) or (D)				
Common Shares	01/05/2026		F			<u>19,140⁽¹⁾</u>	D	\$13.2	<u>760,529⁽²⁾</u>	D	
Common Shares									<u>100,106⁽²⁾</u>	I	By grantor retained annuity trust

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title

Explanation of Responses:

- Reflects the mandatory surrender of shares underlying restricted share units in payment of the related tax liability incurred on January 5, 2026 in connection with payout of the restricted share units.
- Reflects the exempt change in form of beneficial ownership for 99,894 shares received by the Reporting Person from the grantor retained annuity trust in direct holdings, with 100,106 shares remaining in the grantor retained annuity trust, since the date of the Reporting Person's last filed Form 4.

Remarks:

/s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney 01/07/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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