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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smith Clifford T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 PUBLIC SQUARE SUITE 3300 (Street) CLEVELAND OH 44114-2315 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC. [CLF]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Operating Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2026	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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)	Price			

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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/18/2026		A		198,128		(2)	(2)	Common Shares	198,128	\$0	198,128	D	
Market Stock Units	(3)	02/18/2026		A		198,128		(4)	(4)	Common Shares	198,128	\$0	198,128	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each of the restricted stock units reported in this row represents a contingent right to receive a value in cash relating to the price of the Issuer's common shares.
- The restricted stock units generally vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant of February 18, 2026, subject to the other terms of the award.
- Each of the target market stock units reported in this row represents a contingent right to receive one Issuer common share.
- In general, the target market stock units can be earned from 50% to 150% based on Issuer stock price performance achievement during a three-year performance period starting February 18, 2026, subject to the other terms of the award.

Remarks:

/s/ James D. Graham by Power of Attorney 02/20/2026

** 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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