FALCONE PHILIP

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I,

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

LTD.

CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. [CLF]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director _X__ 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2009

below) below) See Remarks

C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LTD., THIRD FL **BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS** HILL

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000

(Middle)

Person

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securitie or Disposed o	es Acquired (A) or f (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
						Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(A)	Reported	(I)	
					or	Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common								
Shares (par value	01/07/2009		S	41,854	D \$	9,121,910	$D_{(2)} (1) (2)$	

29.9651 (3) (4) \$0.125

per share) Common 01/07/2009 S 2,624 D \$ 9,119,286 D (1) (2) (3) (4) Shares 30.1348

(par value

\$0.125

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per share)							
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/07/2009	S	24,145	D	\$ 29.5233	9,095,141	D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/08/2009	S	79,000	D	\$ 28.3161	9,016,141	D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/08/2009	S	779,750	D	\$ 28.5161	8,236,391	D (1) (2) (3) (4)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/07/2009	S	24,016	D	\$ 29.9651	7,674,338	D (1) (5) (6) (7)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/07/2009	S	1,506	D	\$ 30.1348	7,672,832	D (1) (5) (6) (7)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/07/2009	S	13,855	D	\$ 29.5233	7,658,977	D (1) (5) (6) (7)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/08/2009	S	37,250	D	\$ 28.3161	7,621,727	D (1) (5) (6) (7)
Common Shares (par value \$0.125 per share)	01/08/2009	S	366,938	D	\$ 28.5161	7,254,789	D (1) (5) (6) (7)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	of		
				Codo V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
coporting of the control of the cont	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES LTD. THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000		X		See Remarks			
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		See Remarks			
HARBERT MANAGEMENT CORP 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203		X		See Remarks			
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS GP, LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		See Remarks			
HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS OFFSHORE MANAGER, L.L.C. 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203		X		See Remarks			

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HMC INVESTORS, L.L.C. 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203		X	See Remarks
HMC - NEW YORK, INC. 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X	See Remarks
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X	See Remarks
HARBERT RAYMOND J 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203		X	See Remarks
LUCE MICHAEL D 2100 THIRD AVENUE NORTH SUITE 600 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203		X	See Remarks
Signatures			
~ · ·	r Fund I, Ltd. (+), By: Harbinger Capital Partnerstors, L.L.C., Managing Member, By: /s/ Joel B. F		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
	al Situations Fund, L.P. (+), By: Harbinger Capita HMC - New York, Inc., Managing Member, By:		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
Harbert Management Corporation	(+), By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice Pre	esident	01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
	al Situations GP, LLC (+), By: HMC - New York Piassick, Executive Vice President	x, Inc.,	01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
2 1	ore Manager, L.L.C. (+), By: HMC Investors, L.I. Piassick, Executive Vice President	L.C.,	01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
HMC Investors, L.L.C. (+), By: /s	s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person		Date
HMC - New York, Inc. (+), By: /s	s/ Joel B. Piassick, Executive Vice President		01/08/2009

Signatures 4

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	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Philip Falcone (+)		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Raymond J. Harbert (+)		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Michael D. Luce (+)		01/08/2009
	**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) IMPORTANT NOTE: THE SECURITIES SET FORTH IN THIS REPORT ARE DIRECTLY BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND I, LTD. AND/OR HARBINGER CAPITAL PARTNERS SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. (COLLECTIVELY, THE "FUNDS"). ALL OTHER ENTITIES AND PERSONS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THIS REPORT DUE TO THEIR AFFILIATION WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE FUNDS.
- (2) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Master Fund I, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.
- These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following, each of whom is a Reporting Person: Harbinger Capital Partners Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("Harbinger Manager"), the investment manager of the Master Fund, HMC Investors, L.L.C., the managing member of Harbinger Manager ("HMC Investors"), Philip Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Master Fund and a member of HMC Investors, Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors.
- Each entity or person listed in Footnotes 2 and 3 disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such entity or person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (5) These securities are owned by Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations Fund, L.P. (the "Special Situations Fund"), which is a Reporting Person.
 - These securities may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by the following, each of whom is a Reporting Person: Harbinger Capital Partners Special Situations GP, LLC ("HCPSS"), the general partner of the Special Situations Fund, HMC-New York, Inc.
- (6) ("HMCNY"), the managing member of HCPSS, Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC"), the parent of HMCNY, Philip Falcone, the portfolio manager of the Special Situations Fund and a shareholder of HMC, Raymond J. Harbert, a shareholder of HMC, and Michael Luce, a shareholder of HMC.
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