Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending , 20

Name of foundation: The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation

A Employer Identification number: 34-6525124

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address): 200 Public Square, Suite 3300

Room/suite:

B Telephone number (see instructions): 216-694-5700

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Cleveland, OH 44114-2589

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ▶ ☐
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ▶ ☐

H Check type of organization: [X] Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ▶ ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year *(from Part II, col (c), line 16)* ▶ $ 3,663,691

J Accounting method [X] Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) *(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)*

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ▶ ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)*

		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	0			
	2 Check ▶ ☐ if the foundation is **not** required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	2,375	2,375	2,375	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	2,375	2,375	2,375	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	200			200
	24 **Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	200			200
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,142,383			1,142,383
	26 **Total expenses and disbursements** Add lines 24 and 25	1,142,583			1,142,583
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a **Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	(1,140,208)			
	b **Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		2,375		
	c **Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)			2,375	

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Part II **Balance Sheets** Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
	(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets			
1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	4,803,899	3,663,691	3,663,691
2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
3 Accounts receivable ▶			
Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
4 Pledges receivable ▶			
Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
5 Grants receivable			
6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
8 Inventories for sale or use			
9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
10a Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
b Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)			
c Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
12 Investments - mortgage loans			
13 Investments - other (attach schedule)			
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	4,803,899	3,663,691	3,663,691
Liabilities			
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
18 Grants payable			
19 Deferred revenue			
20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23 **Total liabilities** (add lines 17 through 22)			
Net Assets or Fund Balances			
Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ **and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.**			
24 Unrestricted	4,803,899	3,663,691	
25 Temporarily restricted			
26 Permanently restricted			
Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ ☐			
27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 **Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	4,803,899	3,663,691	
31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)			

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	4,803,899
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	(1,140,208)
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,663,691
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,663,691

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

	(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7; If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 } 2

3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 . . . 3

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	1,880,003	4,339,677	0.4332
2013	1,958,284	4,666,478	0.4196
2012	1,487,650	4,121,012	0.3610
2011	2,420,112	4,230,310	0.5721
2010	1,171,994	3,600,498	0.3255

2	**Total** of line 1, column (d)	2	2.1114
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.4223
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	4	4,395,932
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	1,856,402
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	24
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	1,856,426
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	1,142,583

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ▶ ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 . . . Date of ruling or determination letter ______________ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ▶ ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	48
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	48
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	
5	**Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	48
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 — 6a: 1,013		
b	Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source — 6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) — 6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld — 6d		
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	1,013
8	Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	**Tax due.** If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter **amount owed** ▶	9	
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid** ▶	10	965
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2016 estimated tax** ▶ **Refunded** ▶	11	965

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

			Yes	No
1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		X
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)?	1b		X
	If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	1c		X
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ $ ______ (2) On foundation managers ▶ $ ______			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ $ ______			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? *If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities*	2		X
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? *If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes*	3		X
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	4a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	4b		X
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? *If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T*	5		X
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	X	
7	Did the foundation have at least $5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV*	7	X	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ ______			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by *General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation*	8b	X	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? *If "Yes," complete Part XIV*	9		X
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses*	10		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

			Yes	No
11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	

Website address ▶ N/A

14 The books are in care of ▶ P. KELLY TOMPKINS Telephone no ▶ 216-694-5700

Located at ▶ 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 ZIP+4 ▶ 44114

15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of **Form 1041** - Check here ▶ ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ▶ | 15 |

			Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶			

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

			Yes	No
	File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐			
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1c		X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ ______ , ______ , ______ , ______			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions)	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ ______ , ______ , ______ , ______			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of **(1)** any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, **(2)** the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or **(3)** the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015)*	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b		X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required *(continued)*

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc, organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? **5b**

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53 4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? **6b** No: X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? **7b**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over $50,000 ▶

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than $50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services ▶		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 THE FOUNDATION ENGAGES IN GRANT MAKING ACTIVITIES ONLY.	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part Foreign foundations, see instructions)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	4,462,875
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	4,462,875
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) 1e		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	4,462,875
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	66,943
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	4,395,932
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	219,797

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ▶ ☐ and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6			1	219,797
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	48		
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b			
c	Add lines 2a and 2b			2c	48
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1			3	219,749
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions			4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4			5	219,749
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)			6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1			7	219,749

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	1,142,583
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	**Qualifying distributions** Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,142,583
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,142,583

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				219,749
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only				
b Total for prior years 20____,20____,20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010 . . . 992,147				
b From 2011 . . . 2,208,684				
c From 2012 . . . 1,281,760				
d From 2013 . . . 1,725,106				
e From 2014 . . . 1,663,156				
f Total of lines 3a through e	7,870,853			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ $ 1,142,583				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	922,834			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 **Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:**				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	8,793,687			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				219,749
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	992,147			
9 **Excess distributions carryover to 2016.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	7,801,540			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011 . . . 2,208,684				
b Excess from 2012 . . . 1,281,760				
c Excess from 2013 . . . 1,725,106				
d Excess from 2014 . . . 1,663,156				
e Excess from 2015 . . . 922,834				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling ▶ N/A

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section [ ] 4942(j)(3) or [ ] 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test- enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942 (j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had $5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than $5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ▶ [ ] if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

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b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE IN WRITING AND SHOULD GIVE DETAILS OF HOW CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE USED.

c Any submission deadlines

NONE

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

NONE

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year* SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE				
Total . . . . . . ▶ **3a**				
b *Approved for future payment* SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE				
Total . . . . . . ▶ **3b**				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					2,375
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)					2,375

13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e) . . . 13 2,375

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions)
	THE FOUNDATION ENGAGES SOLELY IN GRANT MAKING ACTIVITIES.
	ALL RECEIPTS ARE USED TO DISTRIBUTE TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

Part XVII **Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
	(1) Cash	1a(1)		X
	(2) Other assets	1a(2)		X
b	Other transactions			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

▶ [signature] 3/4/16 ▶ PRESIDENT

Signature of officer or trustee | Date | Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no	

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation	34-6525124

Organization type (check one)

Filers of: **Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ
- ☐ 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF
- ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule.**
Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule See instructions

General Rule

☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor Complete Parts I and II See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions

Special Rules

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** $5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1 Complete Parts I and II

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals Complete Parts I, II, and III

☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc , purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than $1,000 If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc , purpose Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc , contributions totaling $5,000 or more during the year . . . . ▶ $ ______________

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Name of organization	Employer identification number
The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation	34-6525124

Part I **Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
	CLIFFS NATURAL RESOURCES INC. 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OHIO 44114	$ 0.00	Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
		$	Person [ ] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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THE CLIFFS FOUNDATION
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 34-6525124

2015 FORM 990-PF, RETURN OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION
SCHEDULES ATTACHED

THE CLIFFS FOUNDATION
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 34-6525124

2015 FORM 990-PF, RETURN OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION
PART I, LINE 1, COLUMN A -- GROSS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

		Date Received	Amount
Cliffs Natural Resources	200 Public Square, Suite 3300 Cleveland, OH 44114	Various	$0

THE CLIFFS FOUNDATION
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2015 FORM 990-PF, RETURN OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION
PART I -- EXPENSES

Line 23 -- Other Expenses

Filing Fees-State of Ohio	
Administration	$200
	$200

THE CLIFFS FOUNDATION
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2015 FORM 990-PF, RETURN OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION
PART VIII -- SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
MANAGERS OF THE CLIFFS FOUNDATION

P, Kelly Tompkins	President and Trustee	200 Public Square, Suite 3300 Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Traci L Forrester	Secretary & Treasurer	200 Public Square, Suite 3300 Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Terry G Fedor	Trustee	200 Public Square, Suite 3300 Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Terrence R Mee	Trustee	200 Public Square, Suite 3300 Cleveland, Ohio 44114

The Cliffs Foundation
Contributions Paid in 2015
Attachment (A) to Form 990-PF

Recipient's Name	Location		Amount
Education - Matching Gifts			
		$	-
Subtotal - Education (Matching Gifts)		$	-
Education - Other			
Mesabi Range College Foundation	Virginia, MN	$	50,000
Michigan Tech Fund	Houghton, MI		50,000
Northern Michigan University Foundation	Marquette, MI		50,000
Negaunee Public Schools	Negaunee, MI		35,000
Marquette Area Public Schools	Marquette, MI		35,000
College Now Greater Cleveland Inc	Cleveland, OH		25,100
US FIRST	Manchester, NH		20,000
St Martin de Porres High School	Cleveland, OH		19,200
AIST Foundation	Warrendale, PA		10,000
Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, OH		10,000
NICE Community Schools	Ishpeming, MI		10,000
Magnificat High School	Rocky River, OH		10,000
Independent School District 2142	Virginia, MN		8,000
City of Ishpeming	Ishpeming, MI		5,000
Kent State University Foundation	Kent, OH		5,000
Lake Superior Independent School District	Two Harbors, MN		5,000
Northern Lake County Arts Board	Silver Bay, MN		4,000
Boys Hope & Girls Hope	Bridgeton, MO		2,500
Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair	North Olmsted, OH		1,000
St. Ignatius College Prep	Chicago, IL		1,000
Subtotal - Education (Other)		$	355,800

The Cliffs Foundation
Contributions Paid in 2015
Attachment (A) to Form 990-PF

Recipient's Name	Location		Amount
Health & Human Services			
United Way of Greater Cleveland	Cleveland, OH		54,159.68
Superior Health Foundation	Marquette, MI		50,000
University Hospital Health Systems Inc	Cleveland, OH	$	45,000
Room at the Inn	Marquette, MI		40,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	Cleveland, OH		25,000
Bay Cliff Health Camp	Marquette, MI		10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette County	Negaunee, MI		10,000
Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation	Duluth, MN		10,000
Hunger Solutions Minnesota	Arden Hills, MN		10,000
Salvation Army/Hibbing	Cleveland, OH		10,000
Childrens Dental Services Inc	Minneapolis, MN		10,000
American Red Cross Gr Cleveland Chapter/Nepal earthquake	Cleveland, OH		10,000
United Way of Greater Cleveland/Loaned Executive	Cleveland, OH		7,500
Greater Cleveland Food Bank Inc	Cleveland, OH		5,000
Society of St Vincent DePaul	Marquette, MI		5,000
North Shore Area Partners	Silver Bay, MN		5,000
Range Mental Health Center, Inc	Virginia, MN		5,000
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The Salvation Army/Marquette	Des Plaines, IL		5,000
Salvation Army/Virginia	Cleveland, OH		5,000
Salvation Army/Wisconsin & Upper Michigan	Wauwatosa, WI		5,000
Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank	Duluth, MN		5,000
United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Inc	Chisholm, MN		3,000
Range Respite Project	Virginia, MN		2,500
Project Care Free Clinic	Hibbing, MN		2,500
United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Inc	Chisholm, MN		1,501
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	Cleveland, OH		1,000
Foodbank Council of Michigan	Lansing, MI		1,000
Lutheran Social Services	Marquette, MI		1,000
Northwoods Hospice Respite Partners	Ely, MN		1,000
Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation	Chicago, IL		1,000
Friendship Ventures	Annandale, MN		1,000
Mayo Clinic	Rochester, MN		1,000
New York - Presbytarian Fund, Inc	New York, NY		1,000
United Way of Greater Cleveland/Young Leaders	Cleveland, OH		755 45
Subtotal - Health & Human Services		$	354,916 13

The Cliffs Foundation
Contributions Paid in 2015
Attachment (A) to Form 990-PF

Recipient's Name	Location		Amount
Civic			
Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority	Marquette, MI	$	50,000
Gordon Square Arts District LLC	Cleveland, OH		20,000
Habitat for Humanity International	Americus, GA		10,000
Superiorland Ski Club	Marquette, MI		10,000
Ely Blue Line Club Incorporated	Ely, MN		5,000
Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation	Marquette, MI		5,000
St Louis County Historical Society	Duluth, MN		5,000
Tourist Center Senior Citizens Inc	Hibbing, MN		5,000
Subtotal - Civic		$	110,000
Culture			
Playhouse Square Foundation	Cleveland, OH	$	166,667
Musical Arts Association	Cleveland, OH		5,000
Great Lakes Museum of Science, Envt & Tech	Cleveland, OH		100,000
Michigan Historical Center Foundation Inc	Lansing, MI		40,000
Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Inc	Sault Ste Marie, MI		5,000
Northern Lights Musical Festival	Virginia, MN		4,000
Mesabi Community Orchestra	Virginia, MN		1,000
Subtotal - Culture		$	321,667
Other			
Treasurer of the State of Ohio		$	200
Subtotal - Other		$	200
Grand Total		$	1,142,583.13

The Cliffs Foundation
Contributions Approved for Future Payment
Attachment (B) to Form 990-PF

Recipient's Name	Location	Purpose of Contribution		Amount
Education				
Michigan Tech Fund	Houghton, MI	Operating	$	50,000
Northern Michigan University Foundation	Marquette, MI	Operating		50,000
Mesabi Range College Foundation	Virginia, MN	Capital		50,000
Negaunee Public Schools	Negaunee, MI	Capital		35,000
AIST Foundation	Warrendale, PA	Operating		10,000
Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland, OH	Operating		10,000
City of Ishpeming	Ishpeming, MI	Operating		5,000
North Shore Collaborative*	Two Harbors, MN	Capital		2,000
Healthy Communities				
Room at the Inn	Marquette, MI	Capital	$	40,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	Operating		25,000
Range Mental Health Center, Inc	Virginia, MN	Operating		5,000
Range Mental Health Center, Inc	Virginia, MN	Capital		5,000
Salvation Army	Hibbing, MN	Operating		10,000
Vibrant Communities				
Playhouse Square Foundation	Cleveland, OH	Capital	$	166,667
Great Lakes Museum of Science, Envt & Tech	Cleveland, OH	Capital		30,000
Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority	Marquette, MI	Capital		50,000
Michigan Historical Center Foundation Inc.	Lansing, MI	Operating		40,000
Habitat for Humanity International	Americus, GA	Operating		10,000
Ely Blue Line Club Incorporated	Ely, MN	Operating		5,000
City of Silver Bay*	Silver Bay, MN	Capital		10,000
Embarrass Region Fair Association*	Embarrass, MN	Capital		10,000
Total			$	618,667

** denotes contribution approved in 2015 and paid out in January 2016*