

MUST BE  
POSTMARKED NO  
LATER THAN  
AUGUST 8, 2016

  
FOR INTERNAL USE  
ONLY

## **PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM**

**Cliffs Securities Litigation  
c/o A.B. Data, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 173003  
Milwaukee, WI 53217**

**Toll-Free Number: (866) 778-1167  
Email: [info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](mailto:info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com)  
Settlement Website: [www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](http://www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com)**

To be eligible to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund in connection with the Settlement of this Action, you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Claim Form”) and mail it by first-class mail to the above address, **postmarked no later than August 8, 2016**.

Failure to submit your Claim Form by the date specified will subject your claim to rejection and may preclude you from being eligible to receive any money in connection with the Settlement.

**Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court, the parties to the Action, or their counsel. Submit your Claim Form only to the Claims Administrator at the address set forth above.**

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**PART I – CLAIMANT INFORMATION**

The Claims Administrator will use this information for all communications regarding this Claim Form. If this information changes, you MUST notify the Claims Administrator in writing at the address above.

Claimant Names(s) (as the name(s) should appear on check, if eligible for payment; if the shares are jointly owned, the names of all beneficial owners must be provided):

Name of Person the Claims Administrator Should Contact Regarding this Claim Form (Must Be Provided):

Mailing Address – Line 1: Street Address/P.O. Box:

Mailing Address – Line 2 (If Applicable): Apartment/Suite/Floor Number:

City:

State/Province:

Zip Code/Postal Code (if outside U.S.):

Country:

Last 4 digits of Claimant Social Security/Taxpayer Identification Number:<sup>1</sup>

Daytime Telephone Number:

Evening Telephone Number:

Email address (E-mail address is not required, but if you provide it you authorize the Claims Administrator to use it in providing you with information relevant to this claim.):

<sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number (TIN), consisting of a valid Social Security Number (SSN) for individuals or Employer Identification Number (EIN) for business entities, trusts, estates, etc., and the telephone number of the beneficial owner(s) may be used in verifying this claim.

## **PART II – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

1. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Certification of Settlement Class; (II) Proposed Settlement with Individual Defendants; (III) Settlement Hearing; and (IV) Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Notice") that accompanies this Claim Form, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice. The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Notice also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Notice, including the terms of the releases described therein and provided for herein.

2. By submitting this Claim Form, you will be making a request to share in the proceeds of the Settlement described in the Notice. **IF YOU ARE NOT A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER** (see the definition of the Settlement Class on page 5 of the Notice, which sets forth who is included in and who is excluded from the Settlement Class), **OR IF YOU, OR SOMEONE ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF, SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, DO NOT SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM. YOU MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT IF YOU ARE NOT A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER.** **THUS, IF YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, ANY CLAIM FORM THAT YOU SUBMIT, OR THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED ON YOUR BEHALF, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

3. **Submission of this Claim Form does not guarantee that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be governed by the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice, if it is approved by the Court, or by such other plan of allocation as the Court approves.**

4. Use the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form to supply all required details of your transaction(s) (including free transfers and deliveries) in and holdings of Cliffs common stock. On this schedule, please provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Cliffs common stock, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. **Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time period may result in the rejection of your claim.**

5. Please note: Only Cliffs common stock purchased during the Settlement Class Period (*i.e.*, from March 14, 2012 through March 26, 2013, inclusive) is eligible under the Settlement. However, under the "90-day look-back period" (described in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice), your sales of Cliffs common stock during the period from March 27, 2013 through June 24, 2013, inclusive, will be used for purposes of calculating your claim under the Plan of Allocation. Therefore, in order for the Claims Administrator to be able to balance your claim, the requested purchase information during the 90-day look-back period must also be provided.

6. You are required to submit genuine and sufficient documentation for all of your transactions in and holdings of Cliffs common stock set forth in the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form. Documentation may consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from your broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. The Settling Parties, Cliffs, and the Claims Administrator do not independently have information about your investments in Cliffs common stock. **IF SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN COPIES OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER. FAILURE TO SUPPLY THIS DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Please keep a copy of all documents that you send to the Claims Administrator. Also, please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.**

7. Separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each separate legal entity (*e.g.*, a claim from joint owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual's name). Conversely, a single Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (*e.g.*, a corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in all accounts on one Claim Form).

8. All joint beneficial owners must each sign this Claim Form and their names must appear as "Claimants" in Part I of this Claim Form. If you purchased Cliffs common stock during the Settlement Class Period and held the shares in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record owner and you must sign this Claim Form to participate in the Settlement. If, however, you purchased Cliffs common stock during the relevant time period and the securities were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial owner of these shares, but the third party is the record owner. The beneficial owner, not the record owner, must sign this Claim Form to be eligible to participate in the Settlement.

9. Agents, executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees must complete and sign the Claim Form on behalf of persons represented by them, and they must:

- (a) expressly state the capacity in which they are acting;
- (b) identify the name, account number, Social Security Number (or taxpayer identification number), address and telephone number of the beneficial owner of (or other person or entity on whose behalf they are acting with respect to) the Cliffs common stock; and
- (c) furnish herewith evidence of their authority to bind to the Claim Form the person or entity on whose behalf they are acting. (Authority to complete and sign a Claim Form cannot be established by stockbrokers demonstrating only that they have discretionary authority to trade securities in another person's accounts.)

10. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing that you:

- (a) own(ed) the Cliffs common stock you have listed in the Claim Form; or
- (b) are expressly authorized to act on behalf of the owner thereof.

11. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing to the truth of the statements contained therein and the genuineness of the documents attached thereto, subject to penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America. The making of false statements, or the submission of forged or fraudulent documentation, will result in the rejection of your claim and may subject you to civil liability or criminal prosecution.

12. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to eligible Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as the Court approves) will be made after any appeals are resolved, and after the completion of all claims processing. The claims process will take substantial time to complete fully and fairly. Please be patient.

13. **PLEASE NOTE:** As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

14. If you have questions concerning the Claim Form, or need additional copies of the Claim Form or the Notice, you may contact the Claims Administrator, A.B. Data, Ltd., at the above address, by email at [info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](mailto:info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com), or by toll-free phone at (866) 778-1167, or you can visit the Settlement website, [www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](http://www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com), where copies of the Claim Form and Notice are available for downloading.

15. **NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES:** Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. To obtain the mandatory electronic filing requirements and file layout, you may visit the settlement website at [www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](http://www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com) or you may email the Claims Administrator's electronic filing department at [info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](mailto:info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com). Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues an email to that effect after processing your file with your claim numbers and respective account information. **Do not assume that your file has been received or processed until you receive this email. If you do not receive such an email within 10 days of your submission, you should contact the electronic filing department at [info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](mailto:info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com) to inquire about your file and confirm it was received and acceptable.**

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE**

**YOUR CLAIM IS NOT DEEMED FILED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CLAIM FORM BY MAIL, WITHIN 60 DAYS. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD WITHIN 60 DAYS, PLEASE CALL THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TOLL FREE AT (866) 778-1167.**

**PART III – SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN CLIFFS COMMON STOCK**

Please be sure to include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part II – General Instructions, Paragraph 6, above. Do not include information regarding securities other than Cliffs common stock.

<b>1. HOLDINGS AS OF MARCH 14, 2012</b> – State the total number of shares of Cliffs common stock held as of the opening of trading on March 14, 2012. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.”				Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM MARCH 14, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 26, 2013</b> – Separately list each and every purchase/acquisition (including free receipts) of Cliffs common stock from after the opening of trading on March 14, 2012 through and including the close of trading on March 26, 2013. (Must be documented.)				
Date of Purchase/ Acquisition (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased/Acquired	Purchase/Acquisition Price Per Share	Total Purchase/ Acquisition Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Confirm Proof of Purchase Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM MARCH 27, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2013</b> – State the total number of shares of Cliffs common stock purchased/acquired (including free receipts) from after the opening of trading on March 27, 2013 through and including the close of trading on June 24, 2013. If none, write “zero” or “0.” <sup>2</sup>				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. SALES FROM MARCH 14, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2013</b> – Separately list each and every sale/disposition (including free deliveries) of Cliffs common stock from after the opening of trading on March 14, 2012 through and including the close of trading on June 24, 2013. (Must be documented.)				<b>IF NONE, CHECK HERE</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Sale Price Per Share	Total Sale Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Confirm Proof of Sale Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. HOLDINGS AS OF JUNE 24, 2013</b> – State the total number of shares of Cliffs common stock held as of the close of trading on June 24, 2013. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.”				Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE SCHEDULE ABOVE, ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES IN THE SAME FORMAT. PRINT THE BENEFICIAL OWNER’S FULL NAME AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY/TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE. IF YOU DO ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES, CHECK THIS BOX</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				

<sup>2</sup> **Please note:** Information requested with respect to your purchases/acquisitions of Cliffs common stock from after the opening of trading on March 27, 2013 through and including the close of trading on June 24, 2013 is needed in order to balance your claim; purchases during this period, however, are not eligible under the Settlement and will not be used for purposes of calculating your Recognized Claim pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

## **PART IV - RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE**

### **YOU MUST ALSO READ THE RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION BELOW AND SIGN ON PAGE 7 OF THIS CLAIM FORM.**

I (we) hereby acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we), on behalf of myself (ourselves) and my (our) heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Plaintiff's Claim (including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against the Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

### **CERTIFICATION**

By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the claimant(s) or the person(s) who represent(s) the claimant(s) agree(s) to the release above and certifies (certify) as follows:

1. that I (we) have read and understand the contents of the Notice and this Claim Form, including the releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation;
2. that the claimant(s) is a (are) Settlement Class Member(s), as defined in the Notice, and is (are) not excluded by definition from the Settlement Class as set forth in the Notice;
3. that the claimant has **not** submitted a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class;
4. that I (we) own(ed) the Cliffs common stock identified in the Claim Form and have not assigned the claim against any of the Defendants or any of the other Defendants' Releasees to another, or that, in signing and submitting this Claim Form, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
5. that the claimant(s) has (have) not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases of Cliffs common stock and knows (know) of no other person having done so on the claimant's (claimants') behalf;
6. that the claimant(s) submit(s) to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to claimant's (claimants') claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein;
7. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Claim Form as Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator or the Court may require;
8. that the claimant(s) waive(s) the right to trial by jury, to the extent it exists, and agree(s) to the Court's summary disposition of the determination of the validity or amount of the claim made by this Claim Form;
9. that I (we) acknowledge that the claimant(s) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment(s) that may be entered in the Action; and
10. that the claimant(s) is (are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because (a) the claimant(s) is (are) exempt from backup withholding or (b) the claimant(s) has (have) not been notified by the IRS that he/she/it is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (c) the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he/she/it is no longer subject to backup withholding. **If the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he/she/it is subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language in the preceding sentence indicating that the claim is not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.**

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME (US) ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF WHAT THEY PURPORT TO BE.

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Signature of claimant	Print your name here	Date
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Signature of joint claimant, if any	Print your name here	Date
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*If the claimant is other than an individual, or is not the person completing this form, the following also must be provided:*

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Signature of person signing on behalf of claimant	Print your name here	Date
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Capacity of person signing on behalf of claimant, if other than an individual, *e.g.*, executor, president, trustee, custodian, etc. (Must provide evidence of authority to act on behalf of claimant – see paragraph 9 on page 4 of this Claim Form.)

**REMINDER CHECKLIST:**

1. Please sign the above release and certification. If this Claim Form is being made on behalf of joint claimants, then both must sign.
2. Remember to attach only **copies** of acceptable supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
3. Please do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
4. Keep copies of the completed Claim Form and documentation for your own records.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgement postcard. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at (866) 778-1167.**
6. If your address changes in the future, or if this Claim Form was sent to an old or incorrect address, please send the Claims Administrator written notification of your new address. If you change your name, please inform the Claims Administrator.
7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your claim, please contact the Claims Administrator at the address below, by email at [info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](mailto:info@CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com), or by toll-free phone at (866) 778-1167, or you may visit [www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com](http://www.CliffsSecuritiesLitigation.com). Please DO NOT call Cliffs or any of the other Defendants or their counsel with questions regarding your claim.

**THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE MAILED TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8, 2016, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

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A Claim Form received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if a postmark date on or before August 8, 2016 is indicated on the envelope and it is mailed First Class, and addressed in accordance with the above instructions. In all other cases, a Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to fully process all of the Claim Forms. Please be patient and notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.