

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... [X] D Check box if filing under: [] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here... []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED EMP
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 501
1c Effective date of plan: 08/03/1956
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 34-0677332
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 216-694-5505
2d Business code (see instructions): 212200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include: 1. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 07/23/2025, ABIGAIL DUCHARME; 2. Signature of plan administrator; 3. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 07/23/2025, ABIGAIL DUCHARME; 4. Signature of employer/plan sponsor; 5. Signature of DFE.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADMIN DEPT. ATTN ABIGAIL DUCHARME 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2315 | 3b Administrator's EIN 34-1215677 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number 216-694-5505 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4d PN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 689 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <table border="1"> <tr><td>6a(1)</td><td>689</td></tr> <tr><td>6a(2)</td><td>686</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6c</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6d</td><td>686</td></tr> <tr><td>6e</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6f</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6g(1)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6g(2)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6h</td><td></td></tr> </table> | 6a(1) | 689 | 6a(2) | 686 | 6b | | 6c | | 6d | 686 | 6e | | 6f | | 6g(1) | | 6g(2) | | 6h | |
| 6a(1) | 689 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6a(2) | 686 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6b | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6c | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6d | 686 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6e | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6f | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6h | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____ (4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |
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Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED EMP | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-0677332 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 9613903 | 9973859 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 69 | 72 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | | |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 9613972 | 9973931 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 2319 | 1277 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 2319 | 1277 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 9611653 | 9972654 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 366637 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 366637 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 5 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 5 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | 1047 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 367689 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | 6688 | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 6688 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 6688 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|--------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 361001 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **MEADEN & MOORE, LTD.**

(2) EIN: **34-1818258**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
|--|-----|----|----------|
| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 10000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN
FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS
IRON COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED EMPLOYERS**

December 31, 2024

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To the Participants and Administrator for the
Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its
Associated Employers

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and Its Associated Employers (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Cleveland, Ohio
June 30, 2025

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers

| | (In Thousands) | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | Year Ended December 31, | |
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Collateral receivable | \$ 9,974 | \$ 9,614 |
| Total Assets | 9,974 | 9,614 |
| LIABILITIES | (1) | (1) |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | \$ 9,973 | \$ 9,613 |

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers

| | <u>(In Thousands)</u> | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | <u>Year Ended December 31,</u> | |
| | <u>2024</u> | |
| Increase to Collateral Receivable, net | \$ | 360 |
| Contributions | | 7 |
| Fees | | (7) |
| Net Increase | | 360 |
| | | |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits: | | |
| Beginning of Year | | 9,613 |
| End of Year | \$ | <u>9,973</u> |

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is designed to provide a covered employee of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers (collectively, the "Company") who is represented by the United Steelworkers (the "USW"), and who becomes wholly or partially unemployed, weekly benefits while on layoff or short work week benefits for any week in which a covered employee works less than 32 hours for the Company. Relocation allowances are also provided for certain changes of employment.

Participants in the Plan accrue supplemental unemployment benefits in the form of "credit units" earned at the rate of one-half credit for each week worked, up to a maximum of 52 credit units for participants with less than 20 years of continuous service and 104 credit units for participants with 20 or more years of continuous service. The Plan provides, during periods of unemployment, weekly benefits in addition to state unemployment benefits. Payments are for a maximum of 52 weeks (104 weeks for employees with 20 or more years of service, under certain circumstances) for a single period of unemployment. Generally, to be eligible for a benefit payment, an employee must be on layoff as a result of a reduction of work force or permanent shutdown of a plant, department or subdivision; must have completed two years of continuous service; must apply weekly for the benefit; and must provide proof of receiving state unemployment benefits. Under certain circumstances, benefit payments are also available when an employee is ineligible to receive a state unemployment benefit. Under the Plan, all benefits are paid from a trust fund.

The amount of the weekly benefit payment, which is based on average straight-time hourly earnings reduced by state unemployment benefits and other compensation received, is subject to limitations based upon the financial position of the Plan as defined by the Plan agreement.

The maximum weekly Supplemental Unemployment Benefit is \$550 for any week an employee receives a state unemployment benefit. In addition to the maximum weekly benefit, an employee may receive \$10 each for up to four dependents.

ELIGIBILITY

For employees having less than 20 years of continuous service, deferred benefits are not payable until the Company funds the Plan amounts based on its maximum financing obligation.

All benefits for employees having 20 or more years of continuous service cannot be reduced or deferred because of the asset position of the Plan. The Company is required to advance monies to the Plan if it becomes necessary to cover the cost of these benefits and the Company may reduce its future contributions as defined by Plan agreements by the amount of such advances. Such advances are not included in the calculation of the benefit obligation of the Plan. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had fully recovered all such advances to the Plan. Contributions from the Company to the Plan will cease to be accrued when the maximum financing level reaches \$10,500,000.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Company is committed to contribute to the Plan the lesser of amounts based upon hours worked by participants or the amount needed to reach a maximum financing level as defined by the Plan, except that the income security contribution, as defined, will continue to be accrued above the maximum financing level. The Company's obligation to make cash contributions to the trust fund is generally limited to the amount needed to pay current benefits. The balance of any funding obligation is accrued and is identified as a Collateral Receivable from the Company.

PLAN TERMINATION

The Plan may be amended or terminated in the future, subject to agreement between the Company and the collective bargaining representatives of the participants. Should the Plan be terminated, the sum of the assets remaining in the

fund and the commitment then accrued by the Company is to be used until exhausted to provide benefits according to the Plan's provisions. Any remaining assets would be disposed of by a method agreed upon by the Company and the USW.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Supplemental unemployment benefit obligations represent the Plan's total potential future obligation as reflected by the Plan's collateral receivable. Such assets are to be used, until exhausted, to pay supplemental unemployment benefits to participants in accordance with the Plan agreement.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in a money market fund as the primary investment security. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Plan contributions are prepared based on certain assumptions of employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Plan pays the trustee fees, actuarial fees, legal fees, investment management fees and other administrative fees. Other administrative expenses of the Plan, such as salaries and use of facilities, are paid by the Company.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to year-end in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 30, 2025, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - TAX STATUS

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers Trust (the "Trust") funding the Plan has received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated February 27, 1975, stating that the Trust is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") as a Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Trust. The Plan and Trust are required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain the tax-exempt status of the Trust. The Employee Benefits Administration Department of Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. ("Plan Administrator") believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has

analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or that would require disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by tax jurisdictions. However, currently no audits for any tax periods are in progress.

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

The Plan investments of \$72 and \$69 as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, were comprised of a money market fund which was valued using quoted market prices.

NOTE 5 - BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The following table presents the Plan's benefit obligations and the related changes in the Plan's benefit obligations:

| | (In Thousands) | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Year Ended December 31, | |
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| Benefit obligations - beginning of year, January 1 | \$ 9,614 | \$ 9,284 |
| Benefits earned | 360 | 330 |
| Benefit obligations - end of year, December 31 | <u>\$ 9,974</u> | <u>\$ 9,614</u> |

NOTE 6 - PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of money market funds managed by The Bank of New York Mellon, who serves as the trustee and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. In addition, the Plan has arrangements with various service providers and these arrangements qualify as party-in-interest.

NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for classification of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent sources. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect our own views about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

- Level 1 — Valuation is based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 — Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, or other inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.
- Level 3 — Valuation is based upon other unobservable inputs that are significant to the fair value measurement.

The classification of assets and liabilities within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

CASH FUNDS

The JP Morgan US Government Money Market Institutional Fund is a money market fund that is classified as a Level 1 investment.

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i**

**Supplemental Unemployment Benefit Plan
for Hourly Employees of The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company and its Associated Employers**

EIN 34-0677332
Plan Number 501

December 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party | (c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|-----|--|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| * | JP Morgan US Government MM Institutional | Cash Fund - 72 shares | \$ 72 | \$ 72 |

* Identifies party-in-interest to the Plan.

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i**

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|-----|--|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| * | JP Morgan US Government MM Institutional | Cash Fund - 72 shares | \$ 72 | \$ 72 |

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Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

OMB Nos. 1210 - 0110
1210 - 0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
B This return/report is: [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify)
[] the first return/report [] the final return/report
[] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here [X]
D Check box if filing under: [] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program
[] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here []

Part II Basic Plan Information - enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: SUPPLEMENTAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED EMP
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 501
1c Effective date of plan: 08/03/1956
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): THE CLEVELAND-CLIFFS IRON COMPANY
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box): 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions): CLEVELAND OH 44114-2315
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 34-0677332
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 216-694-5505
2d Business code (see instructions): 212200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, Name. Rows include: 1. SIGN HERE, Abigail L. Ducharme, 07/23/2025, ABIGAIL DUCHARME; 2. SIGN HERE, Abigail L. Ducharme, 07/23/2025, ABIGAIL DUCHARME; 3. SIGN HERE, Signature of DFE, Date, Enter name of individual signing as DFE.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Form 5500 (2024) v. 240311

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ADMIN DEPT. ATTN: ABIGAIL DUCHARME 200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 3300 CLEVELAND OH 44114-2315 | 3b Administrator's EIN 34-1215677 <hr/> 3c Administrator's telephone number 216-694-5505 |
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| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN 4d PN |
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|---|--------------|-----|
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 689 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d). | | |
| a (1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year | 6a(1) | 689 |
| a (2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | 6a(2) | 686 |
| b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | 6b | |
| c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | 6c | |
| d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c | 6d | 686 |
| e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits | 6e | |
| f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e | 6f | |
| g (1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | 6g(1) | |
| (2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | 6g(2) | |
| h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | 6h | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information - Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) - Number Attached _____ (4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |
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Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No
If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ... Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____