

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN ARTHUR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200

(Street)

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/27/2006	03/27/2006	S		3,800	D	\$ 6.22 154,906
Common Stock	03/27/2006	03/27/2006	S		1,200	D	\$ 6.21 153,706
Common Stock	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	S		10,000	D	\$ 6.4395 143,706
Common Stock	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	M		150,000	A	\$ 3.23 293,706
Common Stock	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	M		2,000	A	\$ 1.13 295,706

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Common Stock	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	S	152,000	D	\$ 6.422	143,706	D
Common Stock	03/29/2006	03/29/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 6.6236	138,706	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 3.23	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	M	150,000	05/09/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 05/09/2006	Common Stock	150,000	
Stock Options	\$ 1.13	03/28/2006	03/28/2006	M	2,000	12/07/2002 06/07/2006	Common Stock	2,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN ARTHUR
6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 X
COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur Brown 03/29/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These stock options were granted with a vesting schedule as follows: 50,000 vested on 5/9/02; 50,000 vested on 7/22/02 and 50,000 vested on 5/9/04

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