

CALLAHAN MICHAEL H
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 CALLAHAN MICHAEL H

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2006

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

(Street)
 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2006 | | M | | 27,675 | A | \$ 4.878 | 72,353 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2006 | | M | | 62,972 | A | \$ 3.573 | 135,325 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2006 | | J | | 90,647 (1) | D | \$ 7.84 | 44,678 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 4.878 | 12/27/2006 | | M | 27,675 | 01/01/2005 05/14/2011 | Common Stock | 27,675 |
| Stock Options | \$ 3.573 | 12/27/2006 | | M | 62,972 | 01/01/2006 05/16/2012 | Common Stock | 62,972 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CALLAHAN MICHAEL H 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael H. Callahan
12/28/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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These are discounted stock options purchased by Mr. Callahan under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). On December 27, 2006, Mr. Callahan exercised these stock options within the Plan. These stock options were not sold in the (1) open market. The amount of gain realized by Mr. Callahan from the exercise of these stock options will be held in the Investment Account under the Plan, until such time as Mr. Callahan has a distributable event under the terms of the Plan, or at such time as Mr. Callahan has elected under the terms of the Plan.

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