

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 21, 2012

HECLA MINING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-8491  
(Commission File Number)

77-0664171  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-9408  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(208) 769-4100  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 21, 2012, Hecla Mining Company (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing the Company’s fourth quarter 2011 and twelve months ended December 31, 2011, financial results. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of the Company’s filings or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

## Item 8.01 Other Events

### Pre-Development and Exploration

On February 16, 2012, the Company issued a news release providing an update on its pre-development and exploration initiatives. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

The information furnished above, including Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of our filings or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### Quarterly Dividend

On February 21, 2012, the Company announced it would pay a dividend on its shares of common stock pursuant to its silver price-linked common stock dividend policy and a first quarterly payment under the newly adopted minimum annual dividend policy. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.3 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	News Release, dated February 21, 2012. *
99.2	News Release, dated February 16, 2012. *
99.3	News Release, dated February 21, 2012. *

\* Filed herewith

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 21, 2012

Hecla Mining Company

By: /s/ David C. Sienko  
David C. Sienko  
Vice President & General Counsel