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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007

Commission file number 1-8491

HECLA MINING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6500 Mineral Drive, Suite 200 Coeur d Alene, Idaho (Address of principal executive offices) 77-0664171

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

83815-9408

(Zip Code)

208-769-4100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act
of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X. No O.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer O. Accelerated Filer X. Non-Accelerated Filer O.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes O. No X.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class Common stock, par value \$0.25 per share

Shares Outstanding November 7, 2007 120,668,552

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Hecla Mining Company and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except shares)

	September 30, 2007		December 31, 2006	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	120,925	\$	75,878
Short-term investments and securities held for sale		73,866		25,455
Accounts and notes receivable:				
Trade		21,669		19,497
Other, net		6,696		7,150

Inventories, net	18,273		22,305	
Deferred income taxes	15,029		11,822	
Restricted cash	3,194			
Other current assets	2,308		3,454	
Total current assets	261,960		165,561	
Investments	9,242		6,213	
Restricted cash and investments	15,110		21,286	
Properties, plants and equipment, net	125,602		125,986	
Other non-current assets	24,807		27,223	
Total assets	\$ 436,721		\$ 346,269	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,756		\$ 24,238	
Accrued payroll and related benefits	12,948		15,036	
Accrued taxes	2,822		5,678	
Current portion of accrued reclamation and closure costs	10,935		7,365	
Total current liabilities	49,461		52,317	
Accrued reclamation and closure costs	98,257		58,539	
Other non-current liabilities	11,975		10,685	
Total liabilities	159,693		121,541	
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 2 and 5)				
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY				
Preferred stock, \$0.25 par value, authorized 5,000,000 shares;				
157,816 shares issued, liquidation preference - \$7,891	39		39	
	39		39	
Common stock, \$0.25 par value, authorized 400,000,000 shares;				
issued 2007 120,540,757 shares, and				
issued 2006 119,828,707 shares	30,166		29,957	
Capital surplus	519,767		513,785	
Accumulated deficit	(282,970)	(327,522)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	10,666		8,900	
Less treasury stock, at cost; 2007 81,375 common shares, and				
2006 57,333 common shares	(640)	(431)
Total shareholders equity	277,028		224,728	
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 436,721		\$ 346,269	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the interim consolidated financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

(Dollars and shares in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

	Three Months E	nded	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30, 2007	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2007	September 30, 2006	
Sales of products	\$ 49,228	\$ 50,414	\$ 162,473	\$ 147,145	
Cost of sales and other direct production costs	22,288	25,696	85,312	76,322	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	5,947	10,346	21,288	27,017	
	28,235	36,042	106,600		