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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington D.C. 20549

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): May 3, 2006

Hecla Mining Company			
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)			
Delaware			
Detaware			
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)			
1-8491 82-012624		0126240	
	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer	Identification No.)
6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho			83815-9408
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Cod			(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):			
[_]	Written communications pursuant (17 CFR 230.425)	to Rule 425 unde:	r the Securities Act
[_]	Soliciting material pursuant to CFR 240.14a-12)	Rule 14a-12 unde:	r the Exchange Act (17

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- [_] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14-d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [_] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 3, 2006, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's First Quarter 2006 and three months ended March 31, 2006 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 registration statement 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 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Philip C. Wolf

Name: Philip C. Wolf

Title: Vice President & General Counsel

Dated: May 3, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Title

Exhibit 99.1 - Hecla Mining Company News Release dated May 3, 2006