

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 8-K
February 16, 2016

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **February 16, 2016**

HECLA MINING COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware | 1-8491 | 77-0664171 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (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 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:

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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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 16, 2016, the Company issued a news release discussing its exploration results for 2015 as well as certain planned exploration and pre-development activities for 2016. A copy of the Company's news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The news release shall be deemed furnished, not filed, for purposes of this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
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| Number | |
| <u>99.1</u> | <u>News Release, dated February 16, 2016.</u> |

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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 16, 2016

Hecla Mining Company

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