HECLA MINING CO/DE/

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BROWN ARTHUR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE

(First)

11/30/2004

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

200

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amount Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Date Underlying Securitie Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title

11/30/2004

Amou

Numb

Share

1,22

Common

Stock

 $08/08/1988^{(2)} \quad 08/08/1988^{(3)}$

Reporting Owners

 $\$ 0 \frac{(1)}{1}$

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

11/30/2004

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Α

1,224

BROWN ARTHUR 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 X COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

Signatures

Phantom

Stock

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur
Brown
12/02/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations, See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock
- (2) These are stock units that convert to common stock upon termination of employment or such other date as specified under the company's Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan
- (3) These are stock units that convert to common stock upon termination of employment or such other date as specified under the company's Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They have no expiration date.
- (4) These stock units are based on a discretionary amount that was granted to Art Brown by the Compensation Committee under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan

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