HECLA MINING CO/DE/

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

X_ Director

10% Owner

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE

(Street)

12/30/2005

(Month/Day/Year)

Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Month/Day/Vear) (Instr 8) Acquired

(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr.
				Code V	,	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (1)	12/30/2005	12/30/2005	A	1,332		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1,332	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur
Brown
01/03/2006

**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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