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> As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 9, 2003 Registration No. 033-59659 ______

> > SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-1

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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

DELAWARE (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF (PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRIAL (I.R.S. EMPLOYER INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION) CLASSIFICATION CODE NUMBER) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

8741

82-0126240

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO 83815-9408 (208) 769-4100

(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF REGISTRANT'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

JOHN GALBAVY

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(NAME, ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE, OF AGENT FOR SERVICE)

COPY TO:

JOHN H. BITNER BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC 70 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602 (312) 807-4306

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: Not applicable.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box. []

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If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule $462\,(d)$ under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. []

This Post-Effective Amendment shall become effective in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(c), may determine.

DEREGISTRATION OF UNISSUED SECURITIES

Pursuant to this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 033-59659), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 26, 1995, as amended and supplemented, Hecla Mining Company deregisters securities with an aggregate offering price of up to \$37,754,817 that were previously registered pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 and remain unsold and unissued.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-1 and has duly caused this post-effective amendment no. 1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Coeur d'Alene, State of Idaho on January 9, 2003.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Arthur Brown

Arthur Brown Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this

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registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated on January 9, 2003.

Signature	Title
/s/ Arthur Brown Arthur Brown	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
/s/ Phillips S. Baker, Jr. Phillips S. Baker, Jr.	President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer) and Director
/s/ Lewis E. Walde Lewis E. Walde	Vice President - Controller (principal accounting officer) and Treasurer
/s/ John E. Clute John E. Clute	Director
/s/ Joe Coors, Jr Joe Coors, Jr.	Director
/s/ Theodore Crumley Theodore Crumley	Director
/s/ Charles L. McAlpine	Director
/s/ Jorge E. Ordonez C.	Director
/s/ Anthony P. Taylor	Director
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