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Form 8-K
November 20, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported): November 20, 2003

Hecla Mining Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8491

82-0126240

(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 Code)

(208) 769-4100

(Registrant's Telephone Number)

Item 5. Other Events

The following information is being furnished under Item 5 of Form 8-K: On November 20, 2003, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release regarding an Exchange Agreement the Company entered into with a preferred shareholder, to exchange 1,073,880 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share, in exchange for 141,300 shares of the Company's Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock held by the preferred shareholder. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael B. White

Name: Michael B. White
Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: November 20, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Title

Exhibit 99 - Hecla Mining Company News Release dated November 20, 2003

