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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CLAYTON RONALD W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE

03/04/2005

Symbol

below) VP - North American Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(Street)

(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)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(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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(Instr. 4)

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

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year) (Ins			8)	Securi Acqui (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	red sed 3, 4,					(Ins
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 5.094	03/04/2005		A		925		01/01/2006	03/04/2012	Common Stock	925	\$ (

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLAYTON RONALD W 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

VP - North American Operations

Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald W.
Clayton

03/07/2005

**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).
- Stock option units acquired under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan pursuant to the election made to convert cash amount in investment account under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan into discounted stock options

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