

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report**

**(Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2007**

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**Hecla Mining Company**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

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**Delaware**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**1-8491**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**77-0664171**  
**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

**6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200**

**Coeur d Alene, Idaho**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(208) 769-4100**

**83815-9408**  
**(Zip Code)**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On Tuesday, December 18, 2007, Hecla announced it completed its previously announced underwritten public offering of 2,012,500 shares of its 6.5% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock ( Preferred Stock ), which includes the underwriters' exercise of its over-allotment option for 262,500 shares of Preferred Stock. A copy of the press release making the announcement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2007.

SIGNATURE

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

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Philip C. Wolf

Name: Philip C. Wolf

Title: Senior Vice President General Counsel

Dated: December 18, 2007

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2007.