HECLA MINING CO/DE/

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

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(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				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200			04/05/2006	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Fi				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	(A) or	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/05/2006	04/05/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 6.52	128,706	D	
Common Stock	04/06/2006	04/06/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 6.7901	123,706	D	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 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

04/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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