

CALLAHAN MICHAEL H  
 Form 4  
 December 28, 2006

**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL  
 OMB Number: 3235-0287  
 Expires: January 31, 2005  
 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CALLAHAN MICHAEL H**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200  
  
 (Street)  
 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/27/2006**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/27/2006		M	27,675 A \$ 4.878	72,353	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2006		M	62,972 A \$ 3.573	135,325	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2006		J	90,647 (1) D \$ 7.84	44,678	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control**

SEC 1474 (9-02)

number.

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 4.878	12/27/2006		M	27,675	01/01/2005 05/14/2011	Common Stock	27,675
Stock Options	\$ 3.573	12/27/2006		M	62,972	01/01/2006 05/16/2012	Common Stock	62,972

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CALLAHAN MICHAEL H 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408			Vice President	

## Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael H. Callahan  
12/28/2006

\_\_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).

These are discounted stock options purchased by Mr. Callahan under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). On December 27, 2006, Mr. Callahan exercised these stock options within the Plan. These stock options were not sold in the (1) open market. The amount of gain realized by Mr. Callahan from the exercise of these stock options will be held in the Investment Account under the Plan, until such time as Mr. Callahan has a distributable event under the terms of the Plan, or at such time as Mr. Callahan has elected under the terms of the Plan.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.