

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 11, 2019

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.9)\*

Hecla Mining Co.

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON SHARES

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(Title of Class of Securities)

422704106

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2018 - Year End Filing

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 422704106

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1. Names of Reporting Persons  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)  
Van Eck Associates Corporation  
666 Third Ave - 9th Fl, New York, New York 10017

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2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) N/A  
(b)

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3 SEC Use Only

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization: Delaware

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5. Sole Voting Power	60,487,065 common shares of
6. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Owned	None
7. Sole Dispositive Power	60,487,065 common shares by Each Reporting Person
8. Shared Dispositive Power	None With

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9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 60,487,065 Common Shares are held within mutual funds and other client accounts managed by Van Eck Associates Corporation, two of which owns more than 5% of the outstanding shares.

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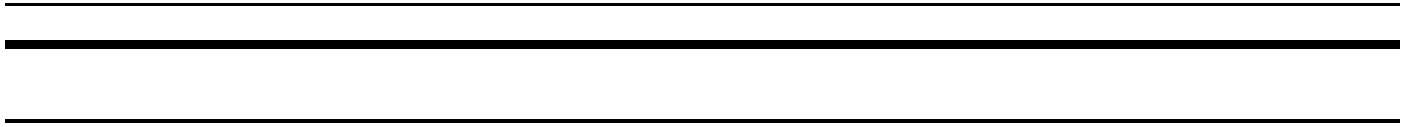
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) N/A

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
12.59%

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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA



Item 1. Name of Issuer

(a) Hecla Mining Co.

Item 1. Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

(b) 6500 North Mineral Drive - Suite 200, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-9408

Item 2. Name of Person Filing

(a) Van Eck Associates Corporation

Item 2. Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

(b) 666 Third Ave. - 19th Fl, New York, New York 10017

Item 2. Citizenship or Place of Organization:

(c) Delaware

Item 2. Title of Class of Securities

(d) Common Shares

Item 2. CUSIP Number

(e) Not Applicable

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

(b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).

(d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).

(e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

(f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);

(g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

(i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).



Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount  
beneficially  
owned: **60,487,065** Common  
Shares