

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 8-K
February 04, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported): February 4, 2005

Hecla Mining Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8491

82-0126240

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200
Coeur d Alene, Idaho**

83815-9408

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(208) 769-4100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

Item 5.02 Departure, Election, or Appointment of Directors or Officers

On February 4, 2005, Hecla Mining Company issued a news release announcing the resignation of Joe Coors, Jr. as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Coors' resignation will be effective as of February 4, 2005. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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/ John N. Galbavy

Name: John N. Galbavy
Title: Corporate Counsel &
Assistant Secretary

Dated: February 4, 2005

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
99.1	Hecla Mining Company News Release dated February 4, 2005

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