

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 8-K
January 12, 2016

UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **January 12, 2016**

HECLA MINING COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware **1-8491** **77-0664171**
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of Incorporation)

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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 12, 2016, Hecla Mining Company (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing preliminary production results for the fourth quarter full year ended December 31, 2015. All measures of the Company's fourth quarter and full year 2015 operating results and conditions contained in the news release are preliminary and reflect the Company's expected 2015 results as of the date of the news release. Actual reported fourth quarter and full year 2015 results are subject to management's final review as well as review by the Company's independent registered accounting firm and may vary significantly from those expectations because of a number of factors, including, without limitation, additional or revised information and changes in accounting standards or policies or in how those standards are applied. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 5.02 Department of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On January 12, 2016, the Company announced the retirement of Don Poirier as Vice President – Corporate Development. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 12, 2016, the Company announced the appointment of Robert Brown as Vice President – Corporate Development for the Company and for its subsidiary, Hecla Canada Ltd. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Description

Number

99.1 News Release, dated January 12, 2016.*

* Furnished herewith

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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/ David C. Sienko
David C. Sienko
Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: January 12, 2016