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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL] A Ralbovsky Stephen F (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer

6500 N MINERAL DR. SUITE 200

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Other

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner _X_ Director

(give title below) (specify below)

Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

COEUR D ALENE, ÂIDÂ 83815

> (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

See footnote 1 Common Stock 2,010 (1) I

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of

(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Title

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect

Direct (D) Security

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Date Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Exercisable Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ralbovsky Stephen F 6500 N MINERAL DR SUITE 200

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COEUR D ALENE, IDÂ 83815

Signatures

Tami D. Whitman, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephen F. Ralbovsky

03/03/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) As a newly appointed director, Mr. Ralbovsky received a prorated portion of shares under the Hecla Mining Company Stock Plan for Nonemployee Directors. The shares are held in trust by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

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