

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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 23, 2009**

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

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1-8491</b>	<b>77-0664171</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(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)

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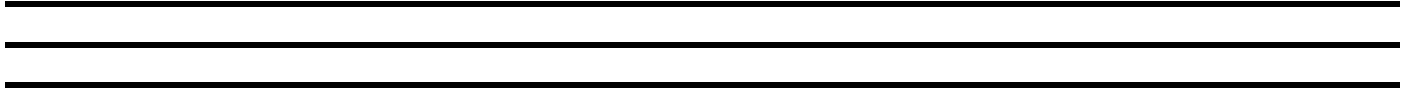
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 23, 2009, Hecla Mining Company (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing the Company’s Fourth Quarter 2008 and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 financial results. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, 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 registration statement 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 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	News Release, dated February 23, 2009
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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.

Dated: February 23, 2009

**Hecla Mining Company**

By: /s/ James A. Sabala  
James A. Sabala  
Senior Vice President  
& CFO