

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 11, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported): **May 11, 2004**

**Hecla Mining Company**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-8491**

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(Commission File Number)

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

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**82-0126240**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**83815-9408**

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(Zip Code)

**(208) 769-4100**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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**Item 5. Other Events**

The following information is being furnished under Item 5 of Form 8-K: On May 10, 2004, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release regarding its increase in gold production and additional exploration results from its Mexico and Venezuela operations. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURE**

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael B. White

Name: Michael B. White  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 11, 2004

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
Exhibit 99	Hecla Mining Company News Release dated May 10, 2004

