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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Johnson George R			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/03/2016 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
6500 N MIN	IERAL DR	, SUITE						
200				(Check all applicable)				
COEUR D	(Street)			X Director Officer (give title below	10% (Other /) (specify belo		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
ALENE, I	DÂ 83815						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natt Owner (Instr.	-	
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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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	
Johnson George R 6500 N MINERAL DR SUITE 200 COEUR D ALENE, ID 83815	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	
Signatures					
Tami D. Whitman, Attorney-in-Fac Johnson	03/03/2016				
**Signature of Reporting Person				Date	
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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. Johnson 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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