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Form 8-K
March 11, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

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): March 10, 2004

Hecla Mining Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8491

82-0126240

(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)

Item 5. Other Events

The following information is being furnished under Item 5 of Form 8-K:
On March 10, 2004, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release regarding its gold production being withheld from export from Venezuela, pending an administrative review. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange

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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: March 11, 2004

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Title

Exhibit 99 - Hecla Mining Company News Release dated March 10, 2004

