

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN ARTHUR**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200  
  
(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**06/12/2006**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	06/12/2006		M	78,704 A	\$ 0 202,410	D	

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst				
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/12/2006	06/12/2006	M	78,704 <sub>(2)</sub>	<sup>(3)</sup>		<sup>(4)</sup>			Common Stock	78,704

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN ARTHUR 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408			X	

## Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur Brown  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 06/12/2006  
 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock.
- (2) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock. On May 5, 2006, Art Brown retired as Chairman of the Board. Under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, these units are to be distributed to Mr. Brown in the form of common stock.
- (3) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock upon a distributable event as determined under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They do not have an exercisable date.
- (4) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock upon a distributable event as determined under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They do not have an expiration date.

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