HECLA MINING CO/DE/

Form 4

November 16, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CLAYTON RONALD W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE

11/15/2004

(Month/Day/Year)

X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

below) VP - North American Operations

200

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

(Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/	Year) (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options	\$ 6.156	11/15/2004	A	2,284	05/15/2005	11/15/2011	Common Stock	2,284	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLAYTON RONALD W 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

VP - North American Operations

Signatures

Ronald W. 11/16/2004 Clayton

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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).
- Stock option units acquired under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan pursuant to the election made to convert cash amount in investment account under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan into discounted stock options

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