

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
November 29, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 28, 2012

HECLA MINING COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware                                          | 1-8491                      | 77-0664171                           |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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, Including Area Code)

N/A  
(Former name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.04 Mine Safety – Reporting of Shutdowns and Patterns of Violations.

On November 28, 2012, Hecla Mining Company's Lucky Friday Mine, located in Mullan, Idaho, received notice from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) about a potential pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards under Section 104(e) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. The notice indicated that because the Lucky Friday is in non-producing status, MSHA will postpone action on this matter until further notice.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: November 28, 2012

Hecla Mining Company

By: /s/ David C. Sienko  
David C. Sienko  
Vice President & General Counsel