

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 425
May 10, 2013

UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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): **May 9, 2013**

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

Delaware **1-8491** **77-0664171**
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of Incorporation)

6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-9408

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(208) 769-4100

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 10, 2013, Hecla Mining Company (the Company) issued a news release announcing the Company's first quarter 2013 financial results. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events

Quarterly Dividend

On May 10, 2013, the Company announced it declared a dividend of \$0.0025 on its outstanding shares of common stock. On May 10, 2013, the Company also announced it declared a dividend of \$0.875 on its Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Aurizon Acquisition

On May 9, 2013, Aurizon Mines Ltd. ("Aurizon") announced that its security holders had approved the previously announced plan of arrangement between the Company and Aurizon at a special meeting of Aurizon's shareholders and optionholders held on May 9, 2013.

Completion of the arrangement is subject to various conditions, including final court approval and Hecla receiving approval under the Investment Canada Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
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	News Release, dated May 10, 2013. *
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	* Filed herewith
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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: May 10, 2013

Hecla Mining Company

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