

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
September 15, 2008

**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): September 12, 2008**

**HECLA MINING COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-8491**  
(Commission File Number)

**6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200**

**Coeur d Alene, Idaho 83815-9408**

**77-0664171**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**(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)**

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:

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On Friday, September 12, 2008, Hecla announced it completed its previously announced underwritten public offering of 31,000,000 shares of its common stock. A copy of the press release making the announcement is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                     |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated September 12, 2008 |

**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: September 12, 2008

**Hecla Mining Company**

By: /s/ Philip C. Wolf  
Philip C. Wolf  
Senior Vice President & General Counsel