

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2010

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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): **October 25, 2010**

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

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1-8491</b>	<b>77-0664171</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer 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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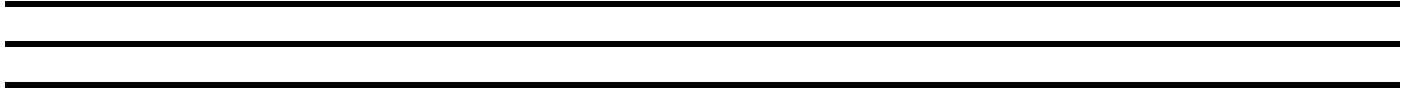
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On October 25, 2010, Hecla Mining Company issued a press release regarding the potential new shaft development project at its Lucky Friday unit. The news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	News Release, dated October 25, 2010. *
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\* Filed herewith

**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: October 25, 2010

**Hecla Mining Company**

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