HECLA MINING CO/DE/ Form 8-K September 24, 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 23, 2008

HECLA MINING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-8491 (Commission File Number) 77-0664171 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200

Identification No.)

Coeur d Alene, Idaho 83815-9408

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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)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, Hecla Mining Company (<u>Hecla</u>) announced that the underwriters in connection with Hecla spublic offering of 31,000,000 shares of its common stock completed on September 12, 2008, exercised 3,350,000 additional shares under an over-allotment option. The issuance of such additional shares of common stock also closed on September 23, 2008. 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.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated September 23, 2008

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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: September 23, 2008

Hecla Mining Company

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