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Form 8-K
February 12, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported): February 12, 2004

Hecla Mining Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8491

82-0126240

(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)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Disclosure of Results of Operations and
Financial Condition (Item 12)

The following information is being furnished under Items 9 and 12 of Form 8-K: On February 12, 2004, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's Fourth Quarter 2003 and twelve months ended December 31, 2003 financial results. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael B. White

Name: Michael B. White
Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: February 12, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
Exhibit 99 -	Hecla Mining Company News Release dated February 12, 2004