

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
VELTKAMP VICKI J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200

(Street)

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/16/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2007 | | M | | 25,000 A \$ 5.995 | 53,869 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2007 | | M | | 29,250 A \$ 4.92 | 83,119 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2007 | | M | | 5,873 A \$ 3.717 | 88,992 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2007 | | M | | 5,387 A \$ 6.543 | 94,379 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/16/2007 | | J | | 5,387 (1) D \$ 11.15 | 88,992 | D |

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Common Stock 11/16/2007 S 60,123 D \$ 11.012 28,869 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options | \$ 5.995 | 11/16/2007 | | M | 25,000 | 05/06/2004 05/06/2009 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 4.92 | 11/16/2007 | | M | 29,250 | 05/05/2005 05/05/2010 | Common Stock | 29,250 |
| Stock Options | \$ 3.717 | 11/16/2007 | | M | 5,873 | 05/12/2003 05/12/2010 | Common Stock | 5,873 |
| Stock Options | \$ 6.543 | 11/16/2007 | | M | 5,387 | 08/23/2004 08/23/2011 | Common Stock | 5,387 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VELTKAMP VICKI J
6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200
COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

V.P. - Inv. & Public Relations

Signatures

Vicki Veltkamp 11/16/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

These are discounted stock options purchased by Ms. Veltkamp under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). On November 16, 2007, Ms. Veltkamp exercised these stock options within the Plan. These stock options were not sold in the (1) open market. The amount of gain realized by Ms. Veltkamp from the exercise of these stock options will be held in the Investment Account under the Plan, until such time as Ms. Veltkamp has a distributable event under the terms of the Plan, or at such time as Ms. Veltkamp has elected under the terms of the Plan.

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