

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 425
May 24, 2016

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): **May 23, 2016**

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

Delaware **1-8491** **77-0664171**
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of Incorporation)

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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- 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 May 24, 2016, Hecla Mining Company issued a news release announcing that we and our wholly owned subsidiary, HL Idaho Corp., entered into a Merger Agreement (the "Agreement") with Mines Management, Inc. ("MMI"). Under the terms of the Agreement, we have agreed to issue 0.2218 shares of our common stock in exchange for each outstanding share of MMI common stock, of which there are approximately 32,000,000 issued and outstanding shares. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 News Release dated May 24, 2016. *

* 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: May 24, 2016

Hecla Mining Company

By: /s/ David C. Sienko
David C. Sienko

Vice President & General Counsel