

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 08, 2008

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 3, 2008**

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**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 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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On October 3, 2008, Mr. Philip C. Wolf notified Hecla Mining Company (the Company) that he was resigning as Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, effective immediately. Effective immediately, Mr. Wolf will be replaced on an interim basis by Mr. Michael B. White who served as the Company's General Counsel from 1986 to 2002, and Corporate Secretary from May 1991 to May 2006. Mr. White has continued to work with Hecla on a consulting basis as a non-employee since his retirement in 2002.

**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 8, 2008

**Hecla Mining Company**

By: /s/ Phillips S. Baker, Jr.  
Phillips S. Baker, Jr.  
Director, President & Chief Executive Officer  
(principal executive officer)

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