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February 23, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

TO  
SCHEDULE TO

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(RULE 14D-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D) (1) OR 13(E) (1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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HECLA MINING COMPANY  
(Name of Subject Company)

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HECLA MINING COMPANY  
(Issuer and Offeror)

SERIES B CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
(Title of Class of Securities)

422704205  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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AMENDED TENDER OFFER

This Amendment No. 4 further amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 16, 2004 as previously amended by Hecla Mining Company, a Delaware corporation, pursuant to Section 13(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in connection with its offer of up to 8.25 shares of common stock in exchange for each of Hecla's 464,777 currently outstanding shares of Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offering Circular, dated January 16, 2004 (the "Offering Circular"), and in the related Letter of Transmittal. Terms defined in the Offering Circular shall have the same meaning in this Amended Statement.

To the extent this Amended Statement contains information not contained in the Offering Circular, the information herein amends the Offering Circular. The Offering Circular, as amended hereby, and the Letter of Transmittal, as they may be further amended or supplemented, together constitute the "Offer."

Hecla Mining Company reported preliminary results of the Offer and will accept all properly tendered preferred shares. The information contained in Exhibit (a)(8) is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

(a) (8) Press Release, dated February 23, 2004

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify

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that the information set forth in this Amended Statement is true, complete and correct.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

/s/ PHILLIPS S. BAKER, JR.  
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PHILLIPS S. BAKER, JR.  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

February 23, 2004