

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 8-K
April 27, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 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):

April 24, 2005

Hecla Mining Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8491

(Commission File Number)

82-0126240

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200

Coeur d Alene, Idaho

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

83815-9408

(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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Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 24, 2006 the litigation regarding claims by Independence Lead Mines (Independence) relating to the Lucky Friday unit was resolved in favor of Hecla Mining Company (Hecla) by the Idaho Supreme Court. In a 5-0 decision, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a July 2004 District Court decision that determined that Hecla did not breach any express provisions of a lease on the Gold Hunter portion of the Lucky Friday unit and that Hecla did not commit waste.

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.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Philip C. Wolf

Philip C. Wolf
Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: April 27, 2006