

HECLA MINING CO/DE/

Form 4

June 12, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN ARTHUR

(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)

06/12/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/12/2006		M	78,704 A \$ 0	202,410	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)**

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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)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	06/12/2006	06/12/2006	M	78,704 ⁽²⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	78,704

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BROWN ARTHUR 6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200 COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408	X

Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur Brown
 06/12/2006
 **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).
- (1) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock.
- (2) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock. On May 5, 2006, Art Brown retired as Chairman of the Board. Under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan, these units are to be distributed to Mr. Brown in the form of common stock.
- (3) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock upon a distributable event as determined under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They do not have an exercisable date.
- (4) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock upon a distributable event as determined under the terms of the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They do not have an expiration date.

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