

Exchange Act.



Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 12, 2017, Hecla Mining Company (the “Company”) issued a news release announcing preliminary production and financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. All measures of the Company's third quarter 2017 operating and financial results and conditions contained in the news release are preliminary and reflect the Company’s expected results as of the date of the news release. Actual reported third quarter 2017 results are subject to management's final review as well as review by the Company's independent registered accounting firm and may vary significantly from current expectations because of a number of factors, including, without limitation, additional or revised information and changes in accounting standards or policies or in how those standards are applied. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any of the Company’s filings or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| <u>99.1</u> | <u>News Release (Preliminary Results) dated October 12, 2017.*</u> |

* Furnished herewith

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING
COMPANY

By: /s/ David C. Sienko
David C. Sienko
Vice President and
General Counsel

Dated: October 12, 2017