

HECLA MINING CO/DE/
Form 8-K
March 20, 2013

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **March 20, 2013**

HECLA MINING COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware **1-8491** **77-0664171**
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of Incorporation)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 20, 2013, Hecla Mining Company (Hecla) issued a news release with respect to a notice received from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) on March 14, 2013, notifying Hecla that MSHA will not be issuing a potential pattern of violations notification for the Lucky Friday mine. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 News Release dated March 20, 2013. *

* Filed herewith.

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: March 20, 2013

Hecla Mining Company

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