HECLA MINING CO/DE/ Form 8-K May 01, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

May 01, 2003

Hecla Mining Company

_____ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8491

82-0126240 _____

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho _____ (Zip Code) (Address of principal executive offices)

(208) 769-4100

(Registrant's Telephone Number)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition (Item 12)

The following information is being furnished under Items 9 and 12 of Form 8-K: On May 1, 2003, Hecla Mining Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's March 31 and First Quarter 2003 financial results. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: /s/ Michael B. White Name: Michael B. White Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 1, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Title

Exhibit 99 - Hecla Mining Company News Release dated May 1, 2003