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

FORM 11-K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

Commission File No. 1-8491

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

HECLA MINING COMPANY CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Hecla Mining Company
6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-9408

REQUIRED INFORMATION

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the members of the Administrative Committee of the Hecla Mining Company Capital Accumulation Plan have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HECLA MINING COMPANY CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

By:	/s/ James Sabala James Sabala, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Date:	June 29, 2010

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrative Committee
of the Hecla Mining Company Capital Accumulation Plan
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Hecla Mining Company Capital Accumulation Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Spokane, Washington

June 29, 2010

Hecla Mining Company
Capital Accumulation Plan

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,	2009	2008
Assets		
Investments, at fair market value:		
Money market funds	$3,526,771	$3,521,828
Mutual funds	23,934,601	16,218,096
Common stock of Hecla Mining Company, including cash of $25,938 and $5,765	3,197,217	1,152,760
Participant loans	1,164,353	878,190
Total investments	31,822,942	21,770,874
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	—	61,042
Participant contributions	—	5,056
Total receivables	—	66,098
Net assets available for benefits	$31,822,942	$21,836,972

See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.

Hecla Mining Company
Capital Accumulation Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years ended December 31,	2009	2008
Investment income (loss):		
Interest income – money market	$19,328	$48,048
Interest income – participant loans	64,345	39,585
Dividend income	486,993	539,788
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair market value ofinvestments	6,187,452	(8,898,919)
Total investment income (loss)	6,758,118	(8,271,498)
Contributions:		
Participants	3,052,057	2,231,241
Employer matching	1,921,263	1,216,189
Rollovers	254,721	837,110
Additions to net assets	11,986,159	(3,986,958)
Deductions:		
Distributions to participants	(2,000,189)	(784,552)
Total deductions from net assets	(2,000,189)	(784,552)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	9,985,970	(4,771,510)
Assets transferred into the plan	—	16,053,846
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	21,836,972	10,554,636
End of year	$31,822,942	$21,836,972

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting	The Hecla Mining Company Capital Accumulation Plan ("Plan") financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
Investment Valuation and Income Recognition	Investments in mutual funds are reported at quoted market value for the number of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Money market funds are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. Hecla Mining Company common stock is valued at its quoted market price, per the New York Stock Exchange. Participant loans are stated at their outstanding balances, which approximates fair value. The Plan presents in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits the net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of its investments, which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation or depreciation on those investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.
Payment of Benefits	Benefits are recorded when paid.
Use of Estimates	The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.
Risks and Uncertainties	The Plan invests in funds that invest in a combination of stocks, bonds, fixed income securities and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably