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			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D 05/05/20	•	ansaction			Director X Officer (give below)		9) 9 Owner er (specify	
				If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)				<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> <li>Person</li> </ul>			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
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Common Stock	05/05/2010			А	26,247 (1)	А	\$0	84,149	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 5.52	05/05/2010		А	45,872	05/05/2010	05/05/2015	Common Stock	45,872

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SABALA JAMES A			Sr. V.P. & CFO			
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### Signatures

Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for James A. Sabala	05/06/2010	
**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) Restricted stock granted under the 1995 Incentive Stock Plan. The restrictions on these shares lapse on May 11, 2011.

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