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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): February 12, 2018

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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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 12, 2018, the Company issued a news release discussing certain exploration results for the fourth quarter of 2017. A copy of the Company's news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The news release shall be deemed furnished, not filed, for purposes of this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 News Release, dated February 12, 2018.

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: February 12, 2018

Hecla Mining Company

By: /s/ David C. Sienko

David C. Sienko

Vice President & General Counsel