

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN ARTHUR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HECLA MINING CO/DE/ [HL]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/29/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (D)  | Price |

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)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)    | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V     | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|-------|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>          | 07/29/2005       | 07/29/2005 | A   |      | 1,177 |     |     | 08/08/1988 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/08/1988 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock | 1,177                      |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN ARTHUR<br>6500 N. MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200<br>COEUR D'ALENE, ID 83815-9408 |               | X         |         |       |

**Signatures**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Tami D. Hansen, Attorney-in-Fact for Arthur Brown | 08/01/2005          |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>    | <small>Date</small> |

**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) These are stock units that convert 1 for 1 to common stock
- (2) These are stock units that convert to common stock upon termination of employment or such other date as specified under the company's Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan
- (3) These are stock units that convert to common stock upon termination of employment or such other date as specified under the company's key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. They have no expiration date.
- (4) These stock units are based on a discretionary amount that was granted to Art Brown by the Compensation Committee under the Key Employee Deferred Compensation Plan.

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