

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BAKER PHILLIPS S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6500 NORTH MINERAL DRIVE, SUITE 200  
(Street)

COEUR D 'ALENE, ID 83815

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/26/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 06/26/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 107,759<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 0 998,931                      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance Rights                         | \$ 0   | 06/26/2012                           |  | A                              | 107,759<br>(2)  | 01/01/2015 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/01/2015                     | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| BAKER PHILLIPS S JR<br>6500 NORTH MINERAL DRIVE<br>SUITE 200<br>COEUR D 'ALENE, ID 83815 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Tami D. Whitman, Attorney-in-Fact for Phillips S. Baker, Jr. 06/28/2012

\_\_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 units that vest as follows: 35,919 shares on June 25, 2013; 35,920 shares that vest on June 25, 2014; and 35,920 shares that vest on June 25, 2015.
- Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive between \$250,000 and \$2 million worth of Hecla Mining Company common stock based on Hecla's TSR performance over the 3-year period relative to our peers, using the average stock price of Hecla and our peers over the last 60 calendar days of 2011 compared to the average stock price of Hecla and our peers over the last 60 calendar days of 2014. Examples of the potential grant of shares to Mr. Baker under this plan are as follows: (1) 100th percentile rank among peers = maximum payout at 200% of target (i.e. \$1 million worth of common stock); (2) 50th percentile rank among peers = target payout at grant value (i.e. \$500,000 worth of common stock); or (3) 25th percentile rank among peers = threshold payout at 50% of target (i.e. \$250,000 worth of common stock).

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