

HECLA MINING CO/DE/  
Form 4  
March 19, 2003

**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>FUDGE, JR. THOMAS F.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>HECLA MINING COMPANY (HL)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Vice President - Operations</b>		
6500 N. Mineral Drive, Suite 200			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)  <b>384-62-8254</b>			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>March 19, 2003</b>		
(Street) <b>Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-9408</b>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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	03/19/03	03/19/03	M		10,000	A	\$1.13			32,889		D				
Common Stock	03/19/03	03/19/03	S		10,000	D	\$3.0908			22,889		D				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 Price of	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date,	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form	11. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
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(Instr. 3)	Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Year		(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Employee Stock Option</b>	<b>\$1.13</b>	<b>03/19/03</b>		<b>M</b>		<b>10,000</b>		<b>6/7/01</b>	<b>6/7/06</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>195,500</b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ **Thomas F. Fudge, Jr.**

**March 19, 2003**

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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