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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-O

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012

Commission file

number 1-8491

HECLA MINING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 77-0664171 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

6500 Mineral Drive, Suite 200 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

83815-9408 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

208-769-4100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes XX . No .

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes XX . No___.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large Accelerated Filer

XX.

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes . No XX.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class
Common stock, par value
\$0.25 per share

Shares Outstanding November 2, 2012 285,500,148

Hecla Mining Company and Subsidiaries

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^{*}Items 2, 3 and 5 of Part II are omitted as they are not applicable.

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Part I - Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

Hecla Mining Company and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited) (In thousands, except shares)

	Se	ptember 30, 2012	D	ecember 31, 2011	
ASSETS		2012		2011	
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	232,194	\$	266,463	
Accounts receivable:	Ψ	232,17	Ψ	200,103	
Trade		21,991		10,996	
Other, net		7,827		9,313	
Inventories:		,,,,,,		,,,,,,	
Concentrates, doré, and stockpiled ore		11,730		13,692	
Materials and supplies		13,440		12,503	
Current deferred income taxes		31,537		27,810	
Other current assets		12,230		21,967	
Total current assets		330,949		362,744	
Non-current investments		9,023		3,923	
Non-current restricted cash and investments		866		866	
Properties, plants, equipment and mineral interests, net		973,586		923,212	
Non-current deferred income taxes		86,324		88,028	
Other non-current assets and deferred charges		2,855		17,317	
Total assets	\$	1,403,603	\$	1,396,090	
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	39,652	\$	37,831	
Accrued payroll and related benefits		10,124		12,878	
Accrued taxes		9,743		10,354	
Current portion of capital leases		4,654		4,005	
Current portion of accrued reclamation and closure costs		34,146		42,248	
Total current liabilities		98,319		107,316	
Capital leases		10,163		6,265	
Accrued reclamation and closure costs		113,928		111,563	
Other noncurrent liabilities		33,905		30,833	
Total liabilities		256,315		255,977	
Commitments and contingencies					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Preferred stock, 5,000,000 shares authorized:					
Series B preferred stock, \$0.25 par value, 157,816 shares issued and outstanding,					
liquidation preference — \$7,891		39		39	
		71,496		71,420	

Common stock, \$0.25 par value, authorized 500,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 2012 — 285,486,857 shares and 2011 — 285,289,924 shares

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Capital surplus	1,217,461	1,215,229
Accumulated deficit	(117,471)	(120,557)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(21,219)	(23,498)
Less treasury stock, at cost; 2012 — 497,988 shares and 2011 — 392,645 shares	(3,018)	(2,520)
Total shareholders' equity	1,147,288	1,140,113
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,403,603 \$	1,396,090

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Hecla Mining Company and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited) (Dollars and shares in thousands, except for per-share amounts)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended				
	Sep	otember 30,	Sep	otember 30,	Se	ptember 30,	Sep	otember 30,
		2012		2011		2012		2011
Sales of products	\$	81,871	\$	120,543	\$	240,043	\$	374,767
Cost of sales and other direct production								
costs		32,961		41,639		99,423		125,033
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		11,601		11,099		31,141		34,565
		44,562		52,738		130,564		159,598
Gross profit		37,309		67,805		109,479		215,169
Other operating expenses:								
General and administrative		5,695		5,559		15,723		14,808
Exploration		11,722		9,872		24,479		19,012
Pre-development		5,409		1,752		12,246		1,752
Other operating expense		736		1,612		3,285		5,699
Provision (credit) for closed operations and								
environmental matters		(1,093)		5,521		3,320		7,883
Lucky Friday suspension-related costs		6,114		_	_	18,745		_
		28,583 &#</td><td>ŧ</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>						