

SEPTEMBER 2007 Investor Fact Sheet

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## **Company Profile**

Established in 1891 in northern Idaho's Silver Valley, Hecla has long been known in the United States as a quality producer of silver and gold. Hecla is the oldest precious metals miner in North America and a lowcost, low-risk silver miner. Headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, this international company is expected to produce approximately 6 million ounces of silver and about 115,000 to 120,000 ounces of gold in 2007. Hecla has been traded on the New York Stock Exchange for more than 40 years under the symbol "HL."

Hecla mines, processes and explores for silver, gold, lead and zinc in the United States, Mexico and Venezuela. The company currently produces silver from two mines: Greens Creek in Alaska and Lucky Friday in Idaho. The company also mines gold from its La Camorra Unit in Venezuela. Hecla has highly prospective exploration opportunities, proven operating expertise and a strong balance sheet with no longterm debt.

116 Years of Production

# Investment Highlights

### Low-risk, Low-cost Primary Silver Producer

- All silver reserves at U.S. long-term operating mines
- 2006 production of 5,509,746 ounces of silver at a cash cost of \$0.24 per ounce 2007E production of approximately 6 million ounces at an estimated cash cost of a *negative* \$0.25 per ounce
- Majority of revenue and gross profit from silver operations benefiting <u>now</u> from high metals prices

### Mid-tier Gold Producer

- 2006 gold production of 179,276 ounces at an average total cash cost of \$345 per ounce
- 2007 gold production targeted at approximately 115,000 to 120,000 ounces at an average total cash cost in the range of \$440-\$470 per ounce

### Significant Success in Exploration Opportunities on Several Fronts

- Actively exploring in the U.S., Mexico and Venezuela
- Exploration success during 2006 increased silver reserve and resources by 25%
- \$22 million budgeted for exploration and pre-development in 2007

### **Strength in Diversity**

- Silver and Gold
- Operations <u>and</u> Exploration
- 3 mines, 4 World-Class Mining Districts
- 3 countries

### **Strong Financial Position**

- Current production plus strong metals prices equals great cash flow and earnings
- \$180.6 million cash and short-term investments at 6/30/07
- No long-term debt
- No silver or gold hedged





## \$10 \$9 \$8 \$7 \$6 \$5 \$4 Sept '06 Jan '07 May '07 Aug '07

## Stock Performance (52-week)

## Largest Institutional Owners (58.2% ownership) (as of 06/30/07)

Royce & Associates, LLC Wentworth, Hauser & Violich, Inc. Barclay's Global Investors, N.A. Vanguard Group, Inc. State Street Global Advisors (US) Dimensional Fund Advisors, Inc. Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. Sun Valley Gold, LLC Chilton Investment Co. Quantitative Management Associates, LLC

### Analyst Coverage

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# 2007 Production Estimates

Approximately 6 million ounces of silver estimated at *negative* \$0.25 total cash cost per ounce

115,000 to 120,000 ounces of gold at an average total cash cost of \$440-\$470 per ounce

<b>Recent Stock Price:</b>	\$7.50
52-Week Range:	\$4.90-\$9.89
Avg. Daily Volume:	2,556,330 (90-day)
Market Capitalization:	\$903.29 million
Shares Outstanding:	120.4 million
as of 08/31/07	

# NYSE Symbol: HL



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## **Recent** News Highlights

(Full news releases available at www.hecla-mining.com)

- 08/08/07 Hecla Reports Second Quarter Income and Record Low Silver Cash Costs per Ounce
- 08/03/07 Hecla Declares Preferred Stock Dividend
- 07/10/07 Hecla Welcomes New Corporate Development V.P.
- 05/21/07 Hecla Responds to Community Group
- **05/07/07** Hecla's Annual Meeting Presentation Posted; Baker to Speak at Global Metals & Mining Conference
- 05/04/07 Hecla Elects Two New Directors, Reelects Chairman
- **05/02/07** Hecla Reports Lowest Silver Cash Cost Ever, and Announces 200% Increase in Earnings from Operations Compared to First Quarter Last Year
- **04/19/07** Hecla Announces Completion of the Hollister Sale
- 04/17/07 Hecla's President to Speak at the European Gold Forum in Zurich
- 04/16/07 Hecla's 2006 Annual Report Available on Web Site
- 02/23/07 Hecla Declares Preferred Stock Dividend
- 02/21/07 Hecla Reports Highest Earnings and Lowest Reported Cash Cost for Silver in 116-Year History and Achieves Exploration Success by Increasing Silver Reserves and Resources by 25%

02/21/07 Hecla Announces Sale of Hollister Project

- 01/29/07 Hecla Opens Vancouver Office and Appoints Two Vice Presidents
- 12/06/06 Hecla Declares Preferred Stock Dividend
- **11/09/06** Good Performance for Hecla's Third Quarter: Increased Income, Revenue, Gross Profit and Cash Flow
- 09/11/06 Hecla Expects Increase in Silver Resource
- 08/04/06 Hecla Declares Preferred Stock Dividend
- 08/02/06 Hecla Reports Dramatic Increase In Second Quarter 2006 Income, Sales, Gross Profit and Cash Flow
- 06/15/06 Hecla's Lucky Friday Mine Rescue Team Takes First Place
- 05/09/06 Hecla and Great Basin Announce Underground Drilling Results for Hollister Development Block Project in Nevada
- 05/05/06 Hecla Holds Annual Meeting, Elects Two Directors, Appoints New Chairman

### **DIRECTORS**

Ted Crumley, Chairman Phillips S. Baker, Jr. John H. Bowles David Christensen George R. Nethercutt, Jr. Terry V. Rogers Charles B. Stanley Dr. Anthony P. Taylor

#### **OFFICERS**

Phillips S. Baker, Jr. President & CEO

Michael H. Callahan Vice President President - Minera Hecla Venezolana

> Ronald W. Clayton Sr. VP - Operations

Dean W. McDonald VP - Exploration

Don Poirier VP - Corporate Development

Vicki Veltkamp VP - Investor and Public Relations

Lewis E. Walde VP - Chief Financial Officer

Philip C. Wolf Sr. VP - General Counsel

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## Forward Looking Statement

Statements made which are not historical facts, such as anticipated payments, litigation outcome, production, sales of assets, exploration results and plans, costs and prices or sales performance are "forwardlooking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, anticipated, expected or implied. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, metals price volatility, volatility of metals production and costs, exploration risks and results, labor issues, political risks, project development risks and ability to raise financing. Refer to the company's Form 10-Q and 10-K reports for a more detailed discussion of factors that may impact expected future results. The company undertakes no obligation and has no intention of updating forward-looking statements.

#### HECLA MINING COMPANY

(dollars in thousands, except per share, per ounce and per pound amounts - unaudited)

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\$	23,965	\$		\$	39,983	\$	21,821	
	<u>(5,507</u> )		5,866		<u>(5,103</u> )		7,613	
\$	18,458	\$	17,701	<u>\$</u>	34,880	\$	29,434	
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(1) Includes gold produced at silver operations, which is treated as a by-product credit and included in the calculation of silver costs per ounce

(2) Net cash provided by operating activities before exploration and pre-development expenses represents a non-U.S. generally accepted accounting principle (GAAP) measurement. The following table presents a reconciliation between cash flow provided by operating activities to non-GAAP net cash provided by operating activities before exploration and pre-development expenses for the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006;

Cash flow provided by operating activities	\$	8,018	\$ 28,912	\$ 24,383	\$ 28,609
Add exploration		3.821	5,610	7.885	8,998
Add pre-development expenses		(25)	1,955	1,027	3,449
Net cash provided by operating activities					
before exploration and pre-development expens	es <u>\$</u>	11,814	\$ 36,477	\$ 33,295	\$ 41,056

(3) Total cash costs per ounce of silver and gold represent non-U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) measurements. A reconciliation of total cash costs to cost of sales and other direct production costs and depreciation, depletion and amortization (GAAP) can be found in the cash costs per ounce reconciliation section of this news release. For additional information, see note (1) in the cash costs per ounce reconciliation section of this news release. For additional information, see note (1) in the cash costs per ounce reconciliation section.

(4) For the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, includes gold produced from third-party mining operations located near the La Camorra mine and Mina Isidora, which is treated as a by-product credit and included in the calculation of gold costs per ounce.

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