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**NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF  
SERIES B CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK  
OF HECLA MINING COMPANY**

Hecla Mining Company has determined to adjourn until June 1, 2005, that portion of its annual meeting of shareholders relating to the election of two directors by holders of its series B convertible preferred stock ( preferred shares ). The adjourned portion of the annual meeting is expected to be scheduled to be held at the offices of Hecla, 6500 N. Mineral Drive, Suite 200, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at 9 a.m. on June 1, 2005.

The adjournment will allow Hecla to file additional proxy solicitation materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the election of two directors by holders of preferred shares, as to which Hecla is informed there is a solicitation in opposition.

Only holders of preferred shares of record as of March 10, 2005 will be entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting. Hecla expects to provide a supplemental notice of meeting, proxy statement and proxy card to those record holders on or about May 9, 2005. Proxies previously solicited by the Board of Directors from holders of preferred shares will not be voted.

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Corporate Secretary

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