

## News Release

### Hecla Announces First Quarter 2009 Earnings Release and Conference Call Schedule

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Apr 15, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Hecla Mining Company (NYSE:HL), a precious metals company, will hold its quarterly conference call to discuss first quarter 2009 results on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time (1:30 p.m. Eastern Time). Hecla will release its first quarter 2009 financial results that morning.

Dial-in information is as follows:

Dial In #: 800.901.5247

International Dial In #: 617.786.4501

Participant Passcode: HECLA

This call is being web cast by Thomson and can be accessed at Hecla's web site at [www.hecla-mining.com](http://www.hecla-mining.com) under Investor Relations.

The company will audio webcast the call which may be accessed through the Thomson StreetEvents Network. Individual investors can listen to the call at [www.earnings.com](http://www.earnings.com), Thomson's individual investor portal, powered by StreetEvents. Institutional investors can access the call via Thomson StreetEvents ([www.streetevents.com](http://www.streetevents.com)), a password-protected event management site.

Hecla Mining Company, headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, mines, processes and explores for silver and gold in the United States and Mexico. A 118-year-old company, Hecla has long been well known in the mining world and financial markets as a quality producer of silver and gold.

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