

[Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) recognizes its miners, past and present, on National Miner's Day, Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

"I want to thank the more than 10,000 hardworking men and women who have been part of the Hecla team over the past 125 years on National Miner's Day," said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., Hecla's President and CEO.

"Together, through good times and bad, we have built Hecla to become the largest primary silver producer and the third-largest producer of lead and zinc, in the USA. These achievements create jobs for our miners and value for our shareholders."

"While it is easy to take mining for granted, it is important to take a moment and recognize that without mining, we would not enjoy the lives that we have today. We have never forgotten the integral role our mines play in the fabric of the communities in which they operate. And while the industry has experienced tremendous progress in safety, efficiency and environmental awareness at our mines, we always strive to do even better," Mr. Baker added.

Since 1891, Hecla has produced over 400 million ounces of silver and 4.5 million ounces of gold.

ABOUT HECLA

Founded in 1891, [Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) is a leading low-cost U.S. silver producer with operating mines in Alaska, Idaho and Mexico, and is a growing gold producer with an operating mine in Quebec, Canada. The Company also has exploration and pre-development properties in seven world-class silver and gold mining districts in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and an exploration office and investments in early-stage silver exploration projects in Canada.

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Statements made or information provided in this news release that are not historical facts, such as anticipated production, sales of assets, exploration results and plans, costs, and prices or sales performance are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of Canadian securities laws. Words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "intends," "projects," "believes," "estimates," "targets," "anticipates" and similar expressions are used to identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements 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, litigation, regulatory and environmental risks, operating risks, project development risks, political risks, labor issues, ability to raise financing and exploration risks and results. Refer to the company's Form 10-K and 10-Q 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 other than as may be required by law.

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