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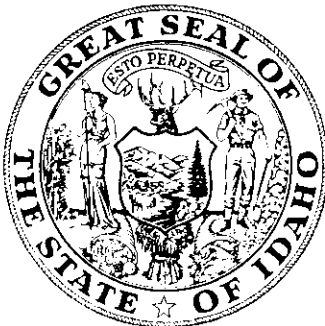
Department of State

CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of Articles of Merger of LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY, an Idaho corporation, into HECLA MINING COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, duly executed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this certificate of merger, and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Merger.

Dated: July 19, 1996



Pete T. Cenarrusa
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Janey J. Clark

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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF IDAHO

**ARTICLES OF OWNERSHIP MERGER
OF
LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY
INTO
HECLA MINING COMPANY**

IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE
DATE 07/19/1996 0900 12086
CK #: 39312 CUST# 8079
MERGER
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Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30-1-75 and 30-1-77, Idaho Code, and Section 253 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, HECLA MINING COMPANY, a Delaware corporation duly qualified to do business and in good standing in the State of Idaho (hereinafter referred to as "HECLA"), hereby evidences the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiary, LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY, an Idaho corporation in good standing (hereinafter referred to as "LUCKY FRIDAY"), into HECLA as follows:

ARTICLE I

The following plan of merger was duly adopted and approved by unanimous written consent of LUCKY FRIDAY'S Board of Directors as of May 10, 1996, and by HECLA'S Board of Directors as of May 10, 1996:

PLAN OF MERGER

(A) The name of the subsidiary corporation is LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY, an Idaho corporation, and the name of the owner of all of its outstanding capital stock is HECLA MINING COMPANY, a Delaware corporation duly qualified to do business in the state of Idaho, which shall be the surviving corporation.

(B) There shall be no conversion of the shares of LUCKY FRIDAY into any other stock, since the sole shareholder, HECLA, is the surviving corporation.

ARTICLE II

The capital stock of LUCKY FRIDAY consists of one class of common stock, and the number of outstanding shares owned by the surviving corporation, HECLA, is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Total Shares Outstanding</u>	<u>Shares Owned By Hecla</u>
Common	10,000	10,000

1. ARTICLES OF MERGER OF LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY INTO HECLA MINING COMPANY

ARTICLE III

HECLA, as sole shareholder of LUCKY FRIDAY, waived mailing of the Plan of Merger.

ARTICLE IV

The manner of the adoption of the plan of merger and the vote by which it was adopted constitute full legal compliance with the provisions of Sections 30-1-75 and 30-1-77, Idaho Code, and Section 253 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, and with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the subsidiary corporation, LUCKY FRIDAY, and with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the surviving corporation, HECLA.

ARTICLE V

HECLA, the surviving corporation, is a duly qualified Delaware corporation in good standing and having its principal business office within the State of Idaho, and agrees that it may be served through its statutory agent with process in the State of Idaho in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of LUCKY FRIDAY.

ARTICLE VI

The effective date of the merger is May 10, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized officers of HECLA have executed these Articles of Merger as of the 10th day of May, 1996.

LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY

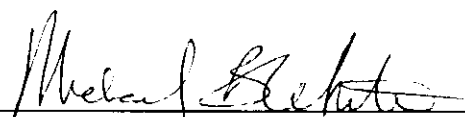
By: Michael B. White
MICHAEL B. WHITE,
President

ATTEST:

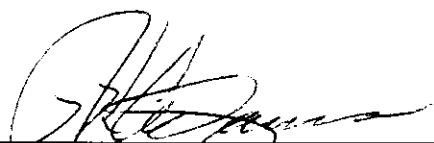
Nathaniel K. Adams
NATHANIEL K. ADAMS,
Secretary

2. ARTICLES OF MERGER OF LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY INTO HECLA MINING COMPANY

HECLA MINING COMPANY


By: 
MICHAEL B. WHITE
Vice-President-General Counsel

ATTEST:


NATHANIEL K. ADAMS,
Assistant Secretary

STATE OF IDAHO)
 (ss.
County of Kootenai)

I, Narda Lee Anthony, a notary public for the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that on this 10th day of May, 1996, personally appeared before me MICHAEL B. WHITE and NATHANIEL K. ADAMS who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that they are the President and Secretary, Respectively, of Lucky Friday Silver-Lead Mines Company, and Vice-President and General Counsel. and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of HECLA MINING COMPANY, that they signed the foregoing document in their capacities as officers of the Corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.


NARDA LEE ANTHONY
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Athol
Commission Expires: 8-5-2000

3. ARTICLES OF MERGER OF LUCKY FRIDAY SILVER-LEAD MINES COMPANY
INTO HECLA MINING COMPANY