

[Hecla Mining Company](#) (NYSE:HL) is pleased to recognize the strong performance of its mine rescue teams from Lucky Friday, Greens Creek and Casa Berardi during this year's Central Mine Rescue and Quebec Provincial Mine Rescue Competitions.

The strongest result came from the Lucky Friday team, consisting of veteran professionals who volunteered to form a team and represent the mine despite it being on care and maintenance, and who placed first overall out of seven teams. In addition, the team from Greens Creek placed second overall out of seven teams, and the team from Casa Berardi placed sixth overall out of 17 teams.

"Mine rescue competitions are an important part of emergency preparedness and overall safety," said Phillips S. Baker, Jr., President and CEO. "The performance shows our teams are ready to act in the event of an emergency, and we thank them for their dedication and sacrifice."

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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