

Golden Minerals Co
Form 8-K
January 23, 2012
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 17, 2012**

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-13627
(Commission
File Number)

26-4413382
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

350 Indiana Street, Suite 800

Golden, Colorado 80401

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 839-5060**

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On January 17, 2012, Robert Blakestad, Senior Vice President, Exploration and Chief Geologist of Golden Minerals Company (the Company), notified the Company that he intends to retire as an officer and employee of the Company effective as of February 29, 2012. The Company has initiated a search for Mr. Blakestad's replacement.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 23, 2012

Golden Minerals Company

By:	/s/ Robert P. Vogels	
	Name:	Robert P. Vogels
	Title:	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer