

LETTES MARK A
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LETTES MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE
3050**

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/08/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	12/08/2005		A	(A) or (D) 5,300 (1)	\$ 18.01	11,451	D
Ordinary Shares	12/12/2005		S	3,651	\$ 18.18	7,800	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Share Options (right to buy)	\$ 18.01	12/08/2005		A	21,000	(2) 12/08/2015	Ordinary Shares 21,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LETTES MARK A 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 3050 DENVER, CO 80203	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Mark A. Lettes 12/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Restricted shares vest 25% each year, commencing on December 8, 2005.

(2) Date exercisable is as follows: 33 1/3% on December 8, 2005; 33 1/3% on December 8, 2006; 33 1/3% on December 8, 2007.

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