

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2004

**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): **December 1, 2004**

**APEX SILVER MINES LIMITED**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Cayman Islands, British West Indies**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-13627**  
(Commission File Number)

**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**Walker House  
Mary Street  
George Town, Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands, British West Indies**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Not Applicable**  
(Zip Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) After more than ten years of service to Apex Silver Mines Limited (the Company) and its predecessor companies, Thomas S. Kaplan has informed the Company that he will retire from his position as a director effective December 31, 2004. Apex Silver expects that, subject to terms to be negotiated, Mr. Kaplan will serve as a senior advisor to the Company's Board of Directors and its management regarding investor matters and global financial markets.

In connection with these decisions, Mr. Kaplan has waived the Company's previously announced grant, subject to shareholder approval, of options to acquire 1 million ordinary shares, exercisable at \$30 per share for ten years, and consequently the special shareholders meeting scheduled to be held on December 21, 2004 has been cancelled.

**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.

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

Date: December 2, 2004

By: /s/ Mark A. Lettes

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Mark A. Lettes  
Chief Financial Officer

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