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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CIK # 878518

As at May 2, 2006

TASEKO MINES LIMITED

800 West Pender Street, Suite 1020 Vancouver , British Columbia Canada V6C 2V6

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Signatures

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, thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Mason
Director and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 2, 2006

Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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TASEKO UPDATE PROGRESS OF FEASIBILITY STUDY WORK ON PROSPERITY COPPER-GOLD PROJECT

May 2, 2006 Vancouver, BC - Taseko Mines Limited (TSX: TKO; AMEX: TGB) announces that it has retained engineering firm SNC Lavalin to update the feasibility study on its Prosperity copper-gold project, located 125 kilometres southwest of the City of Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia. Taseko's 100% owned Prosperity property hosts one of the largest undeveloped open pittable copper-gold deposits in North America.

Completion of a preliminary overview study of the project is expected by the middle of May. This overview study will guide detailed engineering work for updating the feasibility study.

The initial focus of the overview study will be redesign of the concentrator, in particular, utilizing a large diameter single SAG mill (Semi-Autogenous Grinding mill) as opposed to multiple smaller SAG mills. A single SAG mill design will significantly reduce the capital and operating costs relative to previous studies undertaken on the Prosperity project, as grinding circuits account for 40% of the cost of concentrator facilities.

Previously reported measured and indicated resources for Prosperity copper-gold deposit at 0.20% copper cut-off are as follows:

Size	Grade		Contained Metal	
Million	Copper	Gold	Billion	Million

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	Tonnes	%	g/t	lb Cu	oz Au	
Measured	412.6	0.307	0.511	2.8	6.8	
Indicated Resources	181.9	0.267	0.408	1.6	2.4	
Measured & Indicated Resources	594.5	0.295	0.480	4.4	9.2	

Note 1:

These resources, based on a copper cut-off, are only to be used for general comparisons as the economics of this deposit call for a Net SmelterReturn calculation to be performed for copper and gold, factoring in metal prices, costs of production and recoveries for both variables.

Note 2:

Estimated by G. Giroux, P.Eng., in 1998. Although an historical estimate, according to Giroux the resources would meet the guidelines for these categories as set out by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, as required under National Instrument 43-101, and there would be no significant change in the mineral resources.

The feasibility study under review was developed based on mining 490 million tonnes, incorporating a 70,000 tpd concentrator and mine, producing 230,000 ounces of gold and 100 million pounds of copper annually for 20 years.

For further details on Taseko and its properties, please visit the Company's website at www.tasekomines.com or contact Investor Services at (604) 684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114.

Russell Hallbauer President and CEO

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Information for US Persons Concerning Estimates of Measured and Indicated Resources

This news release also uses the terms "measured resource" and "indicated resources". Taseko Mines Limited advises investors that although these terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations (under National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize them. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of the mineral deposits in these categories will ever be converted into reserves.