

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
Form 8-K  
March 31, 2006

**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): **March 31, 2006**

**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)

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions**

On March 31, 2006, Apex Silver Mines Limited (Apex) issued a press release reporting its fourth quarter and year-end 2005 financial results. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing by the company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | Press release of Apex Silver Mines Limited, dated March 31, 2006, reporting financial results for the fourth quarter and year-end 2005. |

**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: March 31, 2006

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

By: /s/ Mark A. Lettes  
Mark A. Lettes  
Chief Financial Officer

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