

LETTES MARK A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

APEX SILVER MINES  
CORP., 6194 SOUTH MACON  
WAY

(Street)

ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/18/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Ordinary Shares	03/18/2005		M	3,700 A	\$ 9.27 9,851	D	
Ordinary Shares	03/18/2005		M	6,250 A	\$ 9.125 16,101	D	
Ordinary Shares	03/18/2005		S	9,950 D	\$ 18.4 6,151	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Share Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.27	03/18/2005		M	3,700	<u>(1)</u> 12/13/2011	Ordinary Shares	3,700
Employee Share Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.125	03/18/2005		M	6,250	<u>(2)</u> 12/13/2011	Ordinary Shares	6,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LETTES MARK A APEX SILVER MINES CORP. 6194 SOUTH MACON WAY ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Mark A. Lettes  
Date: 03/18/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) 25% vest each year commencing December 31, 2002.

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(2) 25% vest each year commencing December 31, 2001.

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