

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
Form 8-K  
August 11, 2003

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**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): **August 8, 2003**

**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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(345) 949-0050**

**Not Applicable**  
(Zip Code)

**No Change**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

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*Exhibits.*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|------------------------|---|
| 99.1                   | Press release of Apex Silver Mines Limited, dated August 8, 2003, reporting financial results for the second quarter. |

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On August 8, 2003, Apex Silver Mines Limited issued a press release reporting its 2003 second quarter financial results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

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**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: August 11, 2003

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

By: /s/ MARK A. LETTES

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Mark A. Lettes  
Chief Financial Officer

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