

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
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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): **March 16, 2004**

**APEX SILVER MINES LIMITED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Cayman Islands, British<br/>West Indies</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>1-13627</b><br>(Commission<br>File Number) | <b>Not Applicable</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification Number) |
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| <b>Walker House<br/>Mary Street<br/>George Town, Grand Cayman<br/>Cayman Islands, British West Indies</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices) | <b>Not Applicable</b><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(345) 949-0050**

**No Change**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Apex Silver Mines Limited (the "Company") closed its previously announced offering of \$150 million principal amount of 2.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2024 to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A and non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act").

The Company plans to use the \$144.8 million in net proceeds (net of commissions) from the offering to finance a portion of the construction and development of its San Cristobal project, to advance evaluation of exploration properties and for other general purposes.

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The notes and the ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States, absent registration under, or an applicable exemption from, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws.

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

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*Exhibits.*

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| 4.2                    | Indenture, dated March 16, 2004, between Apex Silver Mines Limited and The Bank of New York, as Trustee.                                  |
| 4.3                    | Form of Global Note, dated March 16, 2004.  |

### 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 16, 2004

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

By: /s/ MARK A. LETTES

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Mark A. Lettes  
Chief Financial Officer

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