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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of MARCH , 2003 .

IMA EXPLORATION INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

#709 - 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3N6, Canada

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes _____ No _____ X _____

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3- 2(b): 82-_____

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 of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IMA Exploration Inc.
(Registrant)

Date March 4, 2003 By /s/ William Lee

(Signature)

William Lee, Director and Chief Financial Officer

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

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NEWS RELEASE

March 4, 2003

IMA CONFIRMS BONANZA GRADE SILVER VALUES AT NAVIDAD PROJECT

IMA Exploration Inc. announces that it has received check-assay results from ALS Chemex and Alex Stewart laboratories confirming the high silver values announced on February 3rd, 2003 at its new Navidad high-grade silver discovery. Navidad is located in the Patagonia region of Argentina and is 100% owned by the Company.

Check assays have been performed by Alex Stewart on approximately 20% of all

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samples collected to date. These samples confirm the previously reported exceptionally high-grade silver and copper values (see Appendix Table 1). Lead assays by Alex Stewart and subsequent re-assays by ALS Chemex show that the samples with lead grades in excess of approximately 6% were originally given erroneously low values (see Appendix Table 2). Alex Stewart (assayers) Argentina S.A. is part of an international organization serving the mineral industry in environmental, exploration, and production analytical work and has extensive experience in umpire assays and mineral concentrate analysis.

A program of preliminary mapping, rock sampling and grid soil sampling has now been completed by the Company's Exploration Manager, Keith Patterson, M.Sc., over the known mineralization at Navidad. 108 new rock samples and 297 soil samples were collected, and results are expected shortly. The encouraging results at this early stage of exploration at Navidad indicate the potential for a significant expansion of previously reported bonanza grade and replacement style mineralization. IMA's Qualified Person for the Navidad project is Dr. Paul Lhotka, P.Geo.

IMA will be attending the PDAC conference in Toronto from March 9th to the 12th at the Investor's Exchange, booth #2421. Shareholders and all interested parties are invited to visit with the Company's Management at the booth to learn more about IMA's exploration activities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"Gerald G. Carlson"

Dr. Gerald G. Carlson, P.Eng., Chairman

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The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or the accuracy of this release. Cautionary Note to US Investors: This news release may contain information about adjacent properties on which we have no right to explore or mine. We advise U.S. investors that the SEC's mining guidelines strictly prohibit information of this type in documents filed with the SEC. U.S. investors are cautioned that mineral deposits on adjacent properties are not indicative of mineral deposits on our properties. This news release may contain forward-looking statements including but not limited to comments regarding the timing and content of upcoming work programs, geological interpretations, receipt of property titles, potential mineral recovery processes, etc. Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions and therefore involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements.

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APPENDIX

(To news release dated February 3, 2003)

TABLE 1

(Laboratory)

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Sample No.	ALS-CHEMEX				ALEX STEWART	
	Ag g/tonne	Copper %	Lead % Original	Lead % re-analysis	Ag g/tonne	Copper %
1085	4,980	0.15	10.74	38.80	5,052	0.15
1088	11,900	11.16	3.56	-	12,310	12.81
1092	4,900	2.82	13.33	21.00	4,940	3.13
1096	2,210	0.33	11.31	25.50	2,241	0.32
1097	33	0.09	0.03	-	24	0.08
1100	5,650	1.42	14.09	20.90	5,659	1.49
1103	2,900	0.16	11.01	39.50	2,922	0.16
1106	18,210	10.51	3.43	-	20,525	12.53
1108	1,600	0.16	0.12	-	1,128	0.17
1111	5,960	4.61	0.81	-	5,951	5.26
1113	5	0.00	0.06	-	4	0.00
1116	518	0.02	0.03	-	306	0.02
1117	2	0.00	0.08	-	2	0.00
1120	200	0.04	0.02	-	170	0.04
1123	88	0.02	10.15	15.50	101	0.02
1127	167	0.02	7.60	8.53	174	0.03
1130	125	0.01	4.70	-	119	0.01
1132	219	0.01	2.71	-	189	0.01

Lead % re-analysis are significantly higher in lead than reported in the press release of February 3, 2003. A slight tendency exists for Alex Stewart to report higher grades in silver and copper than ALS Chemex.

TABLE 2 ALS CHEMEX

Sample No.	Lead % Original	Lead % Corrected	Sample No.	Lead % Original	Lead % Corrected
1083	13.4	50.8	1103	11.0	39.5
1084	11.1	44.5	1104	11.6	29.0
1085	10.7	38.8	1121	8.8	10.0

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1086	10.0	39.5	1122	7.4	8.5
1092	13.3	21.0	1123	10.2	15.5
1094	14.3	17.5	1124	9.0	9.2
1096	11.3	25.5	1125	9.2	10.0
1100	14.1	20.9	1127	7.6	8.5
1102	10.8	27.2	1128	10.2	11.1

Complete list of new lead values for all samples which original assays were greater than 6%. Testing by Alex Stewart laboratory has confirmed the redone analyses are valid. Lead assays by Alex Stewart and subsequent re-assays by ALS Chemex show that the samples with lead grades in excess of approximately 6% were originally given erroneously low values. This was caused by precipitation of lead-salts prior to analysis by atomic absorption therefore reducing the content of lead in solution and resulting in the lower values of lead reported. ALS Chemex has since modified and standardized its procedures for samples from the Navidad project to accommodate the unusually high-grade nature of some of the samples. All samples with original lead values of greater than 6% have been re-analyzed by ALS Chemex.