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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SOROS PAUL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

888 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE

(Street)

3200

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/21/2006

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10106

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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 Conversion (Instr. 3) or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transactionof **Expiration Date** Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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I	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	,		(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Shares
Non-Employee Directors' Share Options (right	\$ 19.3	02/21/2006		A	540	02/21/2006	02/21/2016	Ordinary Shares	540

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SOROS PAUL 888 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 3200 NEW YORK, NY 10106	X					

Signatures

to buy)

/s/Mark A. Lettes for Paul Soros Pursuant to Power of Attorney 02/22/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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