

TASEKO MINES LTD
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CIK # 878518

as at July 8, 2008

TASEKO MINES LIMITED
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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 by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Russell E. Hallbauer
President & CEO

Date: July 10, 2008

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

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TASEKO UPDATES STATUS OF GIBRALTAR MINE

July 8, 2008, Vancouver, BC - Taseko Mines Limited (TSX:TKO; AMEX:TGB) wishes to provide an update on its Gibraltar Mine. As announced on May 8, 2008 the main transformer for the new SAG mill failed resulting in a 16-day outage of the concentrator. An investigation into the failure of the transformer indicated that it had a defect when it was purchased, and it was this defect that was the root cause of the failure. Taseko is now pursuing warranty coverage from the supplier as well as loss of business insurance.

During this unscheduled outage, maintenance personnel utilized the available time to work on further mill upgrades, chute repairs and areas affecting material flow that have been impacting concentrator performance.

The 3.3 million pounds of copper production lost in May, combined with higher than normal operating costs due to the accelerated maintenance activities referred to above, as well as a change out of the SAG mill liners after 6 months of operation will have a direct impact on Taseko's third quarter financials.

Since January, the mill operation's team has made steady progress towards integration of all the concentrator circuits from the primary crusher, the SAG mill and into the downstream secondary grinding and recovery systems as defined in the Phase I scope of work. The integration of these milling circuits has been more challenging than anticipated. While targeted operating levels for the SAG mill, ball mills and flotation system have been achieved on an individual basis, optimizing how each circuit works and interacts with the others is taking longer than planned.

The following table shows the average daily production rates that have been achieved over the past six months.

| | Average Production Rates (pounds per day) | Annualized Production Rates (millions of pounds) |
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| January | 103,400 | 37.7 |
| February | 114,900 | 41.9 |
| March | 177,900 | 64.9 |
| April | 144,900 | 52.9 |
| May* | 168,700 | 61.6 |
| June** | 178,800 | 65.3 |

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Daily production rates are expected to steadily increase over the coming months.

The Phase II expansion is continuing on time and budget with the cleaner cell installation complete and expected preliminary circuit operation commencing by the end of July.

Mine operations commissioned the first of two new production drills in June and are now preparing mining areas in anticipation of the arrival of the new 60 yard mining shovel. This is the first of the three new 60 yard mining shovels that are required to provide feed for the anticipated 85,000 ton per day concentrator capacity.

Russell Hallbauer, President and CEO of Taseko commented, "While uncontrollable events, such as the failure of the transformer are unfortunate and will affect our financial performance in the near-term, we remain focused on integrating and optimizing our new concentrator circuit and adding our Phase II upgrades as expeditiously as possible to coincide with the mining department's ramp up in daily mining rates.

"We expect our increasing copper production trend to continue in the months ahead as we capitalize on ongoing circuit integration of both our Phase I & II expansion and modernization programs.

"With copper prices in the \$3.90/lb range, our Phase I production levels nearly achieved and our Phase II construction program advancing as planned, we are making excellent progress in all areas of our business plan and are excited about the next step change we see coming in our operations."

For further details on Taseko and its properties, please visit the Company's website at www.tasekomines.com or contact Investor Services at (604) 684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114.

Russell Hallbauer
President and CEO

No regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this news release.

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