APEX SILVER MINES LTD Form SC 13G/A January 12, 2005

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

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(b), (c) and (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13D-2(b)

(Amendment No. 4)(1)

Apex Silver Mines Limited

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

G04074103

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- |_| Rule 13d-1 (b)
- |_| Rule 13d-1 (c)
- |X| Rule 13d-1 (d)
- (1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Thomas S. Kaplan CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [_] (b) [_] ______ 3. SEC USE ONLY -----CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States _____ 5. SOLE VOTING POWER 2,720,913 NUMBER OF 6. SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,720,913 WITH ______ 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER _____ AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,720,913 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.63% 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* Individual (IN) *SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT! CUSIP NO. G04074103 13G Page 3 of 5 Pages Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: Apex Silver Mines Limited Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: Walker House, Mary Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands,

British West Indies

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Thomas Scott Kaplan ______ Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence: 154 West 18th Street, New York, New York 10011 Item 2(c). Citizenship: United States Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Ordinary Shares, \$0.01 Par Value Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER: G04074103 ______ Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person Filing is a: |_| Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act. |_| Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act. (C) |_| Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act. |_| Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment (d) Company Act. |_| Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment (e) Advisers Act of 1940. (f) Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the |_| provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) |_| Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G); see Item 7. (h) $|_{-}|$ Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H). CUSIP NO. G04074103 13G Page 4 of 5 Pages Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and

percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

(a)

(b)

	2,720 	2,720,913 (see Exhibit A)				
(b)) Perce	Percent of class:				
	5.63%	5.63%				
(c)) Numbe	Number of shares as to which such person has:				
	(i)	Sole power to	vote or to direc	ct the vote	2,720,913 	
	(ii)	Shared power	to vote or to din	rect the vote	0	
	(iii)	Sole power to	dispose or to di	rect the disposi	tion of 2,720,913	
	(iv)	Shared power	to dispose or to	direct the dispo	osition of 0	
Item 5. 0	Ownership	of Five Perce	nt or Less of a (Class.		
hereof th	he report	ing person has	g filed to report ceased to be the curities, check t	e Beneficial owne	er of more than	
Item 6. 0	Ownership	of More than	Five Percent on E	Behalf of Another	Person.	
See	e Exhibit	Α.				
			sification of the the Parent Holdi		h Acquired the	
Not	t applical	ble.				
Item 8.	Identific	ation and Clas	sification of men	mbers of the Grou	p.	
Not	t applical	ble.				
Item 9. 1	Notice of	Dissolution o	f Group.			
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Item 10.	Certific	ation.				
Not	t applical	ble.				
			SIGNATURE			

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true and correct.

January 3, 2005

(Date)

Exhibit A to Schedule 13G

As of December 31, 2004, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 2,720,913 Ordinary Shares (the "Shares") of the Issuer, which includes 1,734,121 Shares of the Issuer owned by Consolidated Commodities, Ltd., a company organized under the laws of Bermuda, over which Shares the Reporting Person has voting and dispositive control pursuant to a Voting Trust Agreement; 189,449 Shares owned directly by the Reporting Person and 797,343 Shares that the Reporting Person has the right to acquire upon the exercise of options within 60 days of the date hereof. Based upon 47,500,547 Shares of the Issuer outstanding as of November 3, 2004, as reported in the Company's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 15, 2004, the Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Person constitute approximately 5.63% of the total Shares outstanding.