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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 , 2004.

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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Yes No X
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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 of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IMA Exploration Inc.
(Registrant)

Date March 23, 2004

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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Securities Act

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

Section 85(1) of the Securities Act, British Columbia
(the "British Columbia Act")

Section 118(1) of the Securities Act, Alberta (the "Alberta Act")

Section 75(2) of the Securities Act, Ontario (the "Ontario Act")

1. REPORTING ISSUER

The full name of the Issuer is IMA Exploration Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address and telephone number of the principal office in Canada of the Issuer is as follows:

#709 - 837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
V6C 3N6
Phone: (604) 687-1828

2. DATE OF MATERIAL CHANGE

March 23, 2004

3. PRESS RELEASE

A press release dated March 23, 2004, a copy of which is attached, was released through various approved public media and filed with the TSX Venture Exchange and the British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario Securities Commissions.

4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGE(S)

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Please see attached press release for details.

5. FULL DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL CHANGE

Please see attached press release for full details.

6. RELIANCE ON SECTION 85(2) OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT, SECTION 118(2) OF THE ALBERTA ACT AND SECTION 75(3) OF THE ONTARIO ACT

Not Applicable

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7. OMITTED INFORMATION

Not Applicable

8. SENIOR OFFICER

The following senior officer of the Issuer is knowledgeable about the material change and may be contacted by the Commission at the following telephone number:

William Lee
Chief Financial Officer
Phone: (604) 687-1828

9. STATEMENT OF SENIOR OFFICER

The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 23rd day of March, 2004.

/s/ William Lee

William Lee, Chief Financial Officer

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NEWS RELEASE

MARCH 23, 2004

IMA INTERSECTS SILVER MINERALIZATION BETWEEN NAVIDAD AND GALENA HILLS

IMA Exploration Inc (IMR-TSX.V, IMXPF-OTC.BB) is pleased to announce results from drill holes 31 through 40 from the Company's 100% owned Navidad Project. Highlights include the first drill holes between Navidad and Galena Hills where significant silver intercepts were returned from holes 32, 34, and 40 suggesting a connection between silver mineralization at Navidad Hill and the Galena Hill silver deposit. Navidad and Galena Hills are 1200 meters apart. (see Table 1).

Prior to these drill holes, 800m remained untested between Navidad and Galena Hills. Five drill holes tested the gap between Navidad and Galena Hills; of these three returned significant silver intercepts. All of the holes within the Galena Hill deposit area contained significant intercepts of silver-lead mineralization and continue to show excellent continuity of mineralization and silver-lead grades.

Highlights of results from these drill holes include hole 36 with 49.9 metres of 179.1 g/t silver and hole 37 with 76.3 metres of 139.4 g/t silver including an interval of 3.90 metres with 597.4 g/t silver and 7.23 % lead. Hole 40 returned 48.0m of 108.5 g/t silver including a higher-grade interval of 21m of 160.4 g/t silver (see Table 2). Fifty-three diamond drill holes have now been drilled at Navidad Project for a total of 8853.6 metres.

Work is now focusing on preparation for the calculation of a mineral resource at the Galena Hill deposit, as well as metallurgical test work as previously announced. Continued surface exploration, including pole-dipole induced polarization geophysics, is to start soon and will aid in defining additional targets for the next round of drilling. The Phase II drill program is being planned and is expected to begin shortly.

Drill results from holes 41 to 53 will be released as they are received, and an updated summary of drill hole results and locations is available on IMA's website (www.imaexploration.com), as is a summary of the Company's rigorous quality-control and quality-assurance procedures. Dr. Paul Lhotka is IMA's Qualified Person for the Navidad project and has overseen all aspects of the current program.

TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Five exploration drill holes (NV04-32, 33, 34, 39, and 40) were drilled in the 800m gap between the Galena Hill deposit and Navidad Hill. This area is largely covered by soil and/or post-mineral rock cover but has an important soil geochemical anomaly and a weak to moderate gradient induced-polarization chargeability anomaly. These holes were drilled on sections spaced approximately 200m apart. Please see the drillhole location map posted at www.imaexploration.com for collar locations.

Drill hole NV04-34 is a 180m step-out from the last hole drilled at Navidad Hill and was inclined at -45 degrees grid north. It intersected a zone of veining and stockwork that appears to be mainly structurally-controlled and is likely steeply dipping similar to the mineralization at Navidad Hill. This hole returned silver grades of 75.1 g/t over 18.7m. The true width of this mineralization is interpreted to be approximately 13.2m. Hole NV04-40 was collared 220m southeast of 34 and was inclined at -45 degrees towards grid north. It intersected blind

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mineralization of 48.0m grading 108.5 g/t silver with low base metal values and included 21.0 metres of 160.4 g/t silver. This mineralization appears likely to be steeply dipping and structurally controlled and it was not intersected by hole NV04-39, which was drilled 100m further to the south. Drill hole NV04-32 was also drilled grid north at -45 and is located 200m southeast of hole 40. It intersected what appears to be primarily structurally-controlled veinlets and stockwork mineralization, 49.6 metres in length that grades 77.9 g/t silver with low base metals values. Further drilling is warranted in this area to define what appears to be a zone of continuous silver mineralization between Navidad and Galena Hills.

In summary, the first round of drilling between Navidad and Galena Hills appears to have discovered significant structurally-controlled mineralization characterized by low base metal contents but yet with significant silver grades. This type of mineralization does not respond well to geophysical exploration and more drilling will be required to determine the distribution, grade and orientation of the mineralization in the initial holes.

The four holes drilled at Galena Hill deposit included NV04-31, 36, 37, and 38. Highlights of stratigraphically and structurally controlled silver mineralization include 49.9m of 179.1 g/t silver in hole 36, and 76.3m of 139.4 g/t silver in hole 37 (see Table 1). Intercepts ranged from 31.1 to 76.3 metres with true thicknesses estimated at greater than approximately 90% of these values. Hole NV04-31 was drilled on section 51160E between previously announced holes NV03-03 and NV03-04 whereas holes NV04-35, 36 and 37 are on a new section at 50890E spaced at intervals of about 80m.

The Company's lawyers are currently evaluating the statement of claim filed by the Argentinian exploration subsidiary of Aquiline Resources. After a full evaluation of the statement of claim, IMA will file a statement of defense. IMA's position remains that these accusations are opportunistic and without merit.

For more information please visit IMA's web site at <http://www.imaexploration.com/>.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Joseph Grosso

Mr. Joseph Grosso, President & CEO

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TABLE 1: EXPLORATION DRILL HOLES OUTSIDE OF GALENA HILL DEPOSIT.

| Drillhole | Total Length | From | To | Intersection | (LWA) Silver | (LWA) Copper | (LWA) Lead |
|-----------|--------------|------|----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|-----------|--------------|------|----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|

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| | (metres) | (metres) | (metres) | (metres) | (g/t) | (%) | (%) |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|-------|------|------|
| NV04-32 | 154.5 | 46.50 | 96.05 | 49.55 | 77.9 | 0.04 | 0.14 |
| NV04-33 | 149.0 | | | NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS | | | |
| NV04-34 | 228.2 | 10.50 | 29.20 | 18.70 | 75.1 | 0.01 | 0.70 |
| NV04-35 | 292.0 | | | no significant results | | | |
| NV04-39 | 215.0 | | | no significant results | | | |
| NV04-40 | 127.2 | 43.20 | 91.20 | 48.00 | 108.5 | 0.04 | 0.22 |
| including | | 67.20 | 88.20 | 21.00 | 160.4 | 0.08 | 0.19 |

TABLE 2: DRILL HOLES AT GALENA HILL DEPOSIT.

| Drillhole | Total Length (metres) | From (metres) | To (metres) | Intersection (metres) | (LWA) Silver (g/t) | (LWA) Copper (%) | (LWA) Lead (%) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| NV04-31 | 296.0 | 3.05 | 23.85 | 20.80 | 51.7 | 0.00 | 1.25 |
| and | | 47.35 | 78.45 | 31.10 | 71.0 | 0.00 | 2.62 |
| including | | 73.85 | 75.95 | 2.10 | 618.6 | -0.01 | 18.82 |
| NV04-36 | 77.0 | 8.00 | 57.90 | 49.90 | 179.1 | 0.08 | 1.21 |
| including | | | | 14.00 | 209.5 | 0.10 | 0.97 |
| NV04-37 | 102.5 | 12.80 | 89.10 | 76.30 | 139.4 | 0.04 | 1.28 |
| including | | 13.80 | 17.70 | 3.90 | 597.4 | 0.02 | 7.23 |
| NV04-38 | 107.0 | 20.70 | 61.20 | 40.50 | 105.2 | 0.04 | 0.40 |
| including | | 34.10 | 52.55 | 18.45 | 168.3 | 0.07 | 0.12 |

NOTES:

1. All length weighted averages (LWA) are "uncut".
2. A complete list of all results and collar locations to date is available on IMA's website (www.imaexploration.com).

For further information please contact Joseph Grosso, President & CEO, or Sean Hurd, Investor Relations Manager, at 1-800-901-0058 or 604-687-1828, or fax 604-687-1858, or by email info@imaexploration.com, or visit the Company's web site at <http://www.imaexploration.com>.

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