

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
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REGISTRATION NO. 333-33642

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to

### FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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## APEX SILVER MINES LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Cayman Islands, British West Indies**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**Not Applicable**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Walker House  
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(345) 949-0050**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are to be offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with a dividend or interest reinvestment plan, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  333-33642

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(1)	Amount of registration fee(2)
Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.01 per share	\$2,700,000	\$342.09

- (1) This Registration Statement relates to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-33642) (the "Prior Registration Statement"). In accordance with Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, an additional \$2,700,000 aggregate amount of ordinary shares, par value \$0.01 per share, having a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of no more than 20% of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price of the securities eligible to be sold under the Prior Registration Statement, is registered hereby.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) of the Securities Act of 1933 on the basis of the maximum aggregate offering price of \$2,700,000. The Registrant previously paid this registration fee.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE AND INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

This registration statement is filed by Apex Silver Mines Limited with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933. The contents of our registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-33642), relating to the offering of up to \$200,000,000 of debt securities, preference shares, depositary shares, ordinary shares, warrants, and ordinary share purchase rights, are hereby incorporated herein by reference. This registration statement is filed solely for the purpose of registering an additional \$2,700,000 aggregate amount of ordinary shares.

The required exhibits are listed on the Exhibit Index attached hereto and filed herewith.

### SIGNATURES



Signature	Title	Date
Mark A. Lettes		
*By: /s/ MARK A. LETTES		
Mark A. Lettes <i>(Attorney in fact)</i>		

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
5.1	Opinion of W.S. Walker & Company
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.2	Consent of W.S. Walker & Company (see Exhibit 5.1)
23.3	Consent of Mine Reserves Associates, Inc.
24.1	Power of Attorney*

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Previously filed.

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