

APEX SILVER MINES LTD

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**



**FORM 8-K**



**Current Report**



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**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(D) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**



Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 11, 2008**

## **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)

**1-13627**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**Walker House  
Mary Street  
George Town, Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands, British West Indies**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Not Applicable**  
(Zip Code)

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On August 11, 2008, Minera San Cristobal, S.A. ( MSC ), a 65% owned indirect subsidiary of Apex Silver Mines Limited ( Apex Silver ), entered into a \$50 million subordinated unsecured line of credit (the Loan Agreement ) with SC Minerals Aktiebolag, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation ( SC Minerals ). SC Minerals is the 35% shareholder of MSC. The Loan Agreement permits borrowings by MSC until October 31, 2008. Loans under the agreement will bear interest at an annual rate of 15%. The loans are subordinated to all amounts payable under MSC s existing project finance facility, and MSC is not required to pay any amount of principal or interest with respect to any loan until maturity in August 2013. The Loan Agreement provides that SC Minerals may, at its option, subscribe for additional MSC shares in lieu of extending credit and may convert outstanding advances (including accrued interest) into additional MSC shares at any time. If all amounts are fully drawn under the Loan Agreement, no payments are made by MSC prior to maturity, and if SC Minerals were to convert all amounts payable into MSC shares as of the maturity date, Apex Silver s indirect ownership interest in MSC would be reduced to approximately 53% (approximately 58% on conversion of principal only).

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant**

The matters described in Item 1.01 of this Form 8-K are incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 15, 2008

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| By:    | /s/ Gerald J. Malys                                  |
| Name:  | Gerald J. Malys                                      |
| Title: | Senior Vice President and Chief<br>Financial Officer |

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