

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â VOGELS ROBERT P		(Month/Day/Year)	APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/23/2006	
1700 LINCOLN STREET,			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
SUITE 3050			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
DENVER,Â COÂ 80203			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP, Principal Acct Officer	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Ordinary Shares	2,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	01/31/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/31/2015	Ordinary Shares	15,000	\$ 16.16	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	12/08/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/08/2015	Ordinary Shares	9,000	\$ 18.01	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VOGELS ROBERT P 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 3050 DENVER, CO 80203	Â	Â	Â VP, Principal Acct Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/Robert P. Vogels 02/23/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted shares vest 25% each year, commencing December 8, 2006.
- (2) Options vest 25% each year, commencing January 31, 2006.
- (3) Options vest 25% each year, commencing December 8, 2006.

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