

APEX SILVER MINES LTD  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2008  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 22, 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)

**98-0514342**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**Walker House  
Mary Street  
George Town, Grand Cayman Cayman  
Islands, British West Indies**

**Not Applicable**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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**Item 3.01                    Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule of Standard; Transfer of Listing**

On December 22, 2008, Apex Silver Mines Limited (the Company ) received a notice from NYSE Alternext US LLC (the Exchange ), dated December 19, 2008, stating that the Company is not in compliance with Section 1003(a)(iv) of the Company Guide in that it has sustained losses that are so substantial in relation to its overall operations or existing financial resources, or its financial condition has become so impaired that it appears questionable, in the opinion of the Exchange, as to whether it will be able to continue operations and/or meet its obligations as they mature.

The Company does not expect that it will be able to regain compliance with this listing standard and expects that the Exchange will commence delisting proceedings with respect to the Company s ordinary shares in early January 2009. The Company does not expect that it will appeal any decision by the Exchange to delist the ordinary shares.

The Company anticipates that upon delisting of the ordinary shares, the ordinary shares will commence trading in the over-the-counter market.

The delisting of the ordinary shares from the Exchange will not affect Apex Silver s reporting obligations under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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: December 29, 2008

**Apex Silver Mines Limited**

By: /s/ Gerald J. Malys  
Name: Gerald J. Malys  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer