

APEX SILVER MINES LTD
Form 8-K
December 09, 2008

**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 3, 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**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Not Applicable
(Zip Code)

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(e)

On December 3, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved a cash incentive bonus arrangement applicable to all named executive officers. The cash incentive bonus arrangement is in lieu of the previously announced retention bonus payment scheduled to be made during March 2009. The amount of the incentive bonus, up to the maximum amounts set forth below, will be determined by the Compensation Committee based on the Company's timely achievement of specified performance objectives associated with the sale of the San Cristobal mine and restructuring of the Company's business operations. It is anticipated that the payments will be made, if at all, during the first or second quarter of 2009. Under the arrangement, the named executive officers will be entitled to receive up to the following amounts: Jeffrey G. Clevenger, \$120,000; Gerald J. Malys, \$60,000; Deborah J. Friedman, \$52,500; Robert P. Vogels, \$37,500.

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 9, 2008

Apex Silver Mines Limited

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