HOEGH OVE Form 4

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10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HOEGH OVE**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) X_ Director

C/O HOEGH INVEST A/S, PARKREIEN 55, PO BOX

2416

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/08/2005

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SOLLI, OSLO NORWAY 0201

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Officer (give title

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

2. 1. Title of Derivative Security Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of Underlying

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, ,	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Derivative (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Employee Directors' Share Options (right to buy)	\$ 18.01	12/08/2005		A	578	12/08/2005	12/08/2015	Ordinary Shares	578

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOEGH OVE						
C/O HOEGH INVEST A/S	X					
PARKREIEN 55, PO BOX 2416						
SOLLI, OSLO NORWAY 0201						

Signatures

/s/Mark A. Lettes for Ove Hoegh Pursuant to Power of Attorney 12/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

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