

APEX SILVER MINES LTD
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SOROS PAUL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

888 SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE 3200

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10106

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
APEX SILVER MINES LTD [SIL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/16/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Ordinary Shares | 09/16/2005 | | G | V 14,234 D | <u>(1)</u> 120,570 | I | See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Ordinary Shares | 09/19/2005 | | G | V 20,000 D | <u>(1)</u> 100,570 | I | See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> |
| Ordinary Shares | | | | | 239,119 | D <u>(2)</u> | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SOROS PAUL 888 SEVENTH AVENUE SUITE 3200 NEW YORK, NY 10106 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul Soros 09/19/2005
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- These ordinary shares, \$0.01 par value per share, were gifted by VDM, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("VDM") for no consideration. The
- (1) Reporting Person is the sole shareholder and sole director of VDM and, in such capacity, may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power over the ordinary shares held for the account of VDM.
 - (2) The filing of this statement shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of any securities not held directly for his account for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or otherwise.

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