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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of MARCH , 2003 .

IMA EXPLORATION INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

#709 - 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3N6, Canada

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes _____ No _____ X _____

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3- 2(b): 82-_____

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IMA Exploration Inc.
(Registrant)

Date March 5, 2003 _____ By /s/ William Lee _____
(Signature)

William Lee, Director and Chief Financial Officer

1 Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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Securities Act

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

Section 85(1) of the Securities Act,
British Columbia (the "British Columbia Act")
Section 118(1) of the Securities Act, Alberta (the "Alberta Act")
Section 75(2) of the Securities Act, Ontario (the "Ontario Act")

1. Reporting Issuer

The full name of the Issuer is IMA Exploration Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address and telephone number of the principal office in Canada of the Issuer is as follows:

#709 - 837 West Hastings Street
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2. Date of Material Change

March 5, 2003

3. Press Release

A press release dated March 5, 2003, a copy of which is attached, was released through various approved public media and filed with the TSX Venture Exchange and the British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario Securities Commissions.

4. Summary of Material Change(s)

Please see attached press release for details.

5. Full Description of Material Change

Please see attached press release for full details.

6. Reliance on Section 85(2) of the British Columbia Act, Section 118(2) of the Alberta Act and Section 75(3) of the Ontario Act

Not Applicable

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7. Omitted Information

Not Applicable

8. Senior Officer

The following senior officer of the Issuer is knowledgeable about the material change and may be contacted by the Commission at the following telephone number:

William Lee
Chief Financial Officer
Phone: (604) 687-1828

9. Statement of Senior Officer

The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 5rd day of March, 2003.

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/s/ William Lee

William Lee, Chief Financial Officer

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NEWS RELEASE

March 5, 2003

IMA EXPANDS BONANZA-GRADE SILVER DISCOVERY AT NAVIDAD

IMA Exploration Inc. is pleased to announce that recent work on the Navidad project in Patagonia has achieved the following:

1. Doubled the strike length of the mapped bonanza-grade silver-copper-lead mineralization at Navidad Hill.
2. Significantly expanded the size of replacement-style silver-lead mineralization which has clear bulk tonnage potential.
3. Demonstrated the potential for additional discoveries within an 8 kilometre by 3 kilometre area of favourable geology and anomalous geochemistry.

NAVIDAD HILL BONANZA-GRADE STRUCTURES

Cumulative strike length of known structures at Navidad Hill is now 402 metres; the steeply dipping structures have widths typically from 0.45 to 3.3 metres and occur within an area of 160 x 110 metres. The length weighted average grade of all 43 samples taken from this style of mineralization is 6,537 grams per tonne (g/t) silver (191 ounces per ton), 3.5% copper, and 16.6% lead. Outside the Navidad Hill area, several additional bonanza-grade structures have been mapped with values up to 30,510 g/t silver (897 oz/ton) (see appendix for details).

REPLACEMENT STYLE MINERALIZATION

Replacement style silver-lead mineralization has a cumulative strike length of over 3.2 km within a 3.8 km trend. The average grade of all 41 samples taken from this style of mineralization is 158 g/t (4.61 oz/ton) silver and 8.9% lead. Thicknesses of the replacement zones are not yet known due to sparse exposure.

ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL

Geologic mapping, rock and soil sampling has shown potential for additional discoveries similar in style to Navidad within an 8 kilometre by 3 kilometre area. Results received to date from an initial soil grid (278 samples) include values greater than 100 g/t silver and greater than 1% lead from areas outside

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Navidad Hill. Although extensive soil cover has limited the surface delineation of mineralization at Navidad, excellent potential exists for additional mineralization below this cover.

IMA's Exploration Manager, Keith Patterson, M.Sc. and Daniel Bussandri, B.Sc. completed the recent mapping, rock sampling and soil sampling. IMA's Qualified Person for the Navidad project, Dr. Paul Lhotka, P.Geo., has since verified the above work in the field.

The Navidad discovery is ideally located in a temperate climate zone, at an elevation of approximately 1,100 metres. It is less than one kilometre from a highway, 45 kilometres from the nearest town, 125 kilometres from the nearest railway line and 250 kilometres from a deep-sea port.

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IMA will be attending the PDAC conference in Toronto from March 9th to the 12th at the Investor's Exchange, booth #2421. Shareholders and all interested parties are invited to visit with the Company's Management at the booth to learn more about IMA's exploration activities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Gerald G. Carlson

Dr. Gerald G. Carlson, P.Eng., Chairman

For further information please contact Joseph Grosso, President & CEO, or Sean Hurd, Investor Relations Manager, at 1-800-901-0058 or 604-687-1828, or fax 604-687-1858, or by email INFO@IMAEXPLORATION.COM, or visit the Company's web site at [HTTP://WWW.IMAEXPLORATION.COM](http://WWW.IMAEXPLORATION.COM).

The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or the accuracy of this release. Cautionary Note to US Investors: This news release may contain information about adjacent properties on which we have no right to explore or mine. We advise U.S. investors that the SEC's mining guidelines strictly prohibit information of this type in documents filed with the SEC. U.S. investors are cautioned that mineral deposits on adjacent properties are not indicative of mineral deposits on our properties. This news release may contain forward-looking statements including but not limited to comments regarding the timing and content of upcoming work programs, geological interpretations, receipt of property titles, potential mineral recovery processes, etc. Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions and therefore involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements. 2003 Number 8

APPENDIX

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(To News Release dated March 5, 2003)

TABLE 1: SELECT SAMPLES FROM NAVIDAD HILL STRUCTURES

Sample	Type	Width (meters)	Silver (oz/ton)	Silver (g/t)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)
M1086	chip	0.75	411.7	14,100	39.5	1.2
M1088	chip	0.55	347.5	11,900	3.6	11.2
M1093	chip	1.1	282.1	9,660	4.4	6.4
M1094	chip	0.7	312.7	10,710	17.5	3.7
M1098	chip	0.75	440.9	15,100	2.8	1.6
M1104	chip	1.07	280.0	9,590	29.0	1.0
M1105	chip	0.5	294.9	10,100	2.7	1.3
M1106	chip	0.45	531.7	18,210	3.4	10.5
M2139	chip	0.9	438.0	15,000	9.6	5.2
M2253	chip	0.5	681.8	23,349	0.1	8.8
M2254	chip	0.3	548.5	18,784	0.1	23.9
M2290	chip	0.4	451.3	15,454	16.4	6.5
M3034	chip	0.2	648.0	22,192.4	8.85	1.15
M2255	chip	0.6	254.0	8,699	6.76	0.27

Note: Average of all 43 samples taken to date from the Navidad Hill structures is: 7,753 g/t (226.4 oz/ton) silver, 4.9% copper and 14.3% lead. Length weighted average of all 43 samples is 6,537 g/t silver (191 oz/ton), 3.5% copper, and 16.6% lead. This relatively small difference between average and length weighted average demonstrates the remarkable consistency of grade within the Navidad Hill structures.

TABLE 2: HIGH-GRADE STRUCTURES OUTSIDE THE NAVIDAD HILL AREA

Sample	Type	Width (meters)	Silver (oz/ton)	Silver (g/t)	Copper (%)	Lead (%)
M2265	grab	-	55.0	1,871	14.9	0.2
M2266	chip	0.7	213.3	7,251	9.3	0.2
M2267	chip	1.0	57.4	1,952	9.3	0.2
M2295	grab	-	159.5	5,423	2.1	0.1
M2297	chip	0.5	897.3	30,510	3.0	9.8