IMA EXPLORATION INC Form 6-K April 02, 2003

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the 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 31, 2003

William Lee, Director and Chief Financial Officer

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

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(FORM 27)

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")

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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
Vancouver, BC
V6C 3N6
Phone: (604) 687-1828

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2. Date of Material Change

March 31, 2003

3. Press Release

A press release dated March 28, 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 31st day of March, 2003.

/s/ William Lee

William Lee, Chief Financial Officer

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TSX Venture Exchange: IMR OTC Bulletin Board: IMXPF Frankfurt & Berlin Exchanges: IMT (WKN 884971)

NEWS RELEASE

March 31, 2003

IMA EXTENDS OPTION AGREEMENT WITH BARRICK

IMA Exploration Inc. ("IMA" or "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company and Barrick Gold Corporation ("Barrick") have agreed to extend the Selection Notice Period in the Exploration and Option Agreement dated August 17, 1999 to December 31, 2003. By that time, Barrick can select if it will continue with an option to earn an interest in either the Potrerillos or the Rio de las Taguas property (see News Release dated June 2, 1999 for terms of agreement). In return for the extension, Barrick will pay IMA US\$65,000 which will be used to make the payments to maintain the option properties in good standing.

The Company is also pleased to announce that IMA has also entered into an agreement with Amera Resources Corporation ("Amera"), whereby Amera has an option to earn an interest in the Mogote gold-copper exploration project in Argentina. Under the terms of the agreement, Amera has been granted an option to acquire up to a 51% interest in Mogote, exercisable upon Amera by issuing to IMA a total of 1,650,000 shares and completing work expenditures totaling US\$1,250,000 over a 5 year period.

IMA Exploration Inc. focuses on quality exploration work designed to define economic gold and silver deposits in Argentina and Peru. The Company has put together an enviable property portfolio including over 37 well-located, high-potential projects and is continuing to add to this package through grass-roots exploration and staking.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Joseph Grosso

Mr. Joseph Grosso, President & CEO

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.

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.

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