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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 NOVEMBER , 2002 .

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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Yes _____ No _____

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.

Date November 27, 2002 By /s/ William Lee
IMA EXPLORATION INC. (Registrant)
(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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QUARTERLY REPORT

Incorporated as part of: X Schedule A
X Schedules B & C
(place x in appropriate category)

ISSUER DETAILS:

NAME OF ISSUER IMA EXPLORATION INC.
ISSUER ADDRESS #709 - 837 WEST HASTINGS STREET VANCOUVER, BC V6C 3N6
ISSUER TELEPHONE NUMBER (604) 687-1828
ISSUER FAX NUMBER (604) 687-1858
CONTACT PERSON MR. NIKO CACOS
CONTACT'S POSITION CORPORATE SECRETARY
CONTACT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (604) 687-1828
CONTACT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS info@imaexploration.com
WEBSITE www.imaexploration.com
FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

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DATE OF REPORT

NOVEMBER 27, 2002

CERTIFICATE

THE THREE SCHEDULE(S) REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS QUARTERLY REPORT ARE ATTACHED AND THE DISCLOSURE CONTAINED THEREIN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A COPY OF THIS REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANY SHAREHOLDER WHO REQUESTS IT.

JOSEPH GROSSO	/s/ Joseph Grosso	02/11/27
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NAME OF DIRECTOR	SIGN (TYPED)	DATE SIGNED (YY/MM/DD)
WILLIAM LEE	/s/ William Lee	02/11/27
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NAME OF DIRECTOR	SIGN (TYPED)	DATE SIGNED (YY/MM/DD)

(Signatures for this Form should be entered in TYPED form)

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SCHEDULE A

IMA EXPLORATION INC.

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED

SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

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IMA EXPLORATION INC.
 INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited - Prepared by Management)

September 30,
 2002
 \$

A S S E T S

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	2,086,820
Amounts receivable and prepaids	43,501
Marketable securities	23,460

2,153,781
 50,238

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

MINERAL PROPERTIES AND RELATED DEFERRED COSTS (Note 3)	5,519,637

7,723,656

L I A B I L I T I E S

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	40,829

S H A R E H O L D E R S ' E Q U I T Y

SHARE CAPITAL (Note 4)	21,354,824
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DEFICIT	(13,671,997)

7,682,827

7,723,656

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Joseph Grosso, Director

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/s/ William Lee , Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

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IMA EXPLORATION INC.
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF LOSS AND DEFICIT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30
(Unaudited - Prepared by Management)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2002	2001
	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Administrative and management services	55,160	54,051
Amortization and depreciation	4,892	5,501
Bank charges and interest	1,151	2,066
Corporate development and investor relations	54,546	33,179
General exploration	37,965	21,015
Office and sundry	6,652	9,165
Printing	1,694	3,873
Professional fees	36,016	31,462
Rent, parking and storage	18,680	17,151
Salaries and employee benefits	52,394	47,320
Telephone and utilities	11,279	5,800
Transfer agent and regulatory fees	6,452	2,255
Travel and accommodation	136	17,145
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LOSS BEFORE THE FOLLOWING	(287,017)	(249,983)
FOREIGN EXCHANGE	(6,501)	6,108
PROVISION FOR MARKETABLE SECURITIES	-	(16,618)
LOSS ON SALE OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES	-	(6,534)
INTEREST AND MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	9,390	26,230
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LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	(284,128)	(240,797)
DEFICIT - BEGINNING OF PERIOD	(13,387,869)	(12,172,226)
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DEFICIT - END OF PERIOD	(13,671,997)	(12,413,023)
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BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	25,048,704 =====	16,464,002 =====	22 =====
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IMA EXPLORATION INC.
INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30
(Unaudited - Prepared by Management)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		
	2002	2001	
	\$	\$	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss for the period	(284,128)	(240,797)	
Item not involving cash			
Amortization and depreciation	4,892	5,501	
Loss on sale of marketable securities	-	6,534	
Provision for marketable securities	-	16,618	
	(279,236)	(212,144)	
Decrease (increase) in amounts receivable and prepaids	24,578	(15,995)	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(41,543)	191,339	
	(296,201)	(36,800)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(6,478)	(2,435)	
Additions to mineral properties and related deferred costs	(227,265)	(435,347)	
Proceeds on sale of marketable securities	-	16,966	
	(233,743)	(420,816)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Issuance of common shares	912,935	780,000	3
Share subscriptions received	-	(780,000)	
Share issue costs	(31,823)	(33,750)	
	881,112	(33,750)	3

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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	351,168	(491,366)	1
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,735,652	1,130,763	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF PERIOD	2,086,820	639,397	2

SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Note 7)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim consolidated financial statements.

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IMA EXPLORATION INC.
NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002
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1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is in the process of exploring its mineral properties in South America and evaluating other mineral properties. The Company considers itself to be an exploration stage company. On the basis of information to date, it has not yet determined whether these properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves. The amounts shown as mineral properties and related deferred costs represent net costs to date, less amounts amortized and/or written off, and do not necessarily represent present or future values. The underlying value of the mineral properties and related deferred costs is entirely dependent on the existence of economically recoverable reserves, securing and maintaining title and beneficial interest in the properties, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete development, and future profitable production.

The Company considers that it has adequate resources to maintain its operations for the next year. However, the Company recognizes that it will require additional financing in the forthcoming year to complete its proposed exploration programs. The Company is seeking additional financing to complete these programs, and while it has been successful at doing so in the past, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so in the future. See also Note 4.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts

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reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The consolidated financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared using careful judgement with reasonable limits of materiality. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual consolidated financial statements. The significant accounting policies follow that of the most recently reported annual consolidated financial statements.

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3. MINERAL PROPERTIES AND RELATED DEFERRED COSTS

	September 30, 2002			December 31, 2002	
	Acquisition Costs \$	Deferred Exploration Costs \$	Total \$	Acquisition Costs \$	Deferred Exploration Costs \$
Argentina:					
Valle de Cura	654,277	1,881,370	2,535,647	622,791	1,866,361
Gualcamayo	52,880	11,812	64,692	52,880	9,595
Other	52,839	332,052	384,891	37,096	188,735
	759,996	2,225,234	2,985,230	712,767	2,064,691
Peru:					
Rio Tabaconas	659,272	1,875,135	2,534,407	535,217	1,268,497
	1,419,268	4,100,369	5,519,637	1,247,984	3,333,188

4. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorized: 100,000,000 common shares without par value
Issued:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002		Year December 31, 2002
	Shares	Amount \$	Shares
Balance, beginning of period	18,592,219	18,090,497	13,529,219
Issued during the period for:			

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Private placements	5,691,915	2,547,870	5,063,000
Exercise of warrants	2,085,361	837,513	-
Exercise of options	170,000	68,000	-
Agent's fee	11,111	5,000	-
Less: Share issue costs	-	(194,056)	-
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	7,958,387	3,264,327	5,063,000
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Balance, end of period	26,550,606	21,354,824	18,592,219
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4. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company:

- a) completed a brokered private placement for 637,000 units at a price of \$0.38 for cash proceeds of \$222,695, net of share issue costs of \$19,365. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable common share purchase warrant. Two warrants entitle the holder to purchase one common share for the exercise price of \$0.45 on or before March 31, 2003. In addition, agent's warrants were issued to purchase 63,700 common shares at a price of \$0.45 on or before March 31, 2003. During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, 318,500 warrants and 63,700 agent's warrants remained unexercised;
- b) completed a brokered private placement of 1,777,778 units at a price of \$0.45 per unit for cash proceeds of \$686,132, net of share issue costs of \$118,868. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Two warrants entitle the holder to purchase an additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.54 per share on or before April 9, 2003. In addition, the Company issued 11,111 shares to the agents, at an ascribed amount of \$0.45 per share. The agents also received agent's warrants to purchase 355,556 common shares at a price of \$0.54 per share on or before April 9, 2003. During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, 562,528 warrants and 355,556 agent's warrants remained unexercised;
- c) completed a non-brokered private placement for 1,722,222 units at a price of \$0.45 per unit, for cash proceeds of \$751,000 net of share issue costs of \$24,000. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable share purchase warrant. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase an additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.53 per share on or before May 23, 2003 and \$0.60 per share on or before May 23, 2004. The agents also received agent's warrants to purchase 66,666 common shares for the exercise price of \$0.53 per share on or before May 23, 2003. Certain directors

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have purchased 191,111 units. During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, 1,722,222 warrants and 66,666 agent's warrants remained unexercised;

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4. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

- d) completed a brokered private placement for 1,554,915 units at a price of \$0.47 for cash proceeds of \$698,987, net of share issue costs of \$31,823. Each unit consisted of one common share of the Company and one non-transferable common share purchase warrant. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase an additional common share of the Company at a price of \$0.55 per share on or before September 27, 2003 and \$0.60 on or before September 27, 2004. The agent's also received agent's warrants to purchase 37,496 common shares at a price of \$0.50 per share on or before September 27, 2003. The President of the Company has purchased 150,000 units. During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, 1,554,915 warrants and 37,496 agent's warrants remained unexercised.
- e) granted stock options to purchase 1,050,000 common shares exercisable for a period of five years, at a price of \$0.50 per share.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company:

- (i) paid \$104,376 to companies controlled by certain directors and officers of the Company for management and consulting services provided; and
- (ii) paid \$45,693 for rent to a company owned by the President of the Company and his wife.

See also Note 4.

6. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Company's principal activities are the exploration of mineral properties in Argentina and Peru. Management reviews the financial results according to expenditures by property.

Segment assets by geographical location are as follows:

September 30, 2002

Canada Argentina Peru

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	\$	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	37,969	5,817	6,452
Mineral properties and related deferred costs	-	2,985,230	2,534,407
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	37,969	2,991,047	2,540,859
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6. SEGMENTED INFORMATION (continued)

	December 31, 2002		
	Canada	Argentina	Peru
	\$	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	45,376	5,817	5,895
Mineral properties and related deferred costs	-	2,777,458	1,803,714
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	45,376	2,783,275	1,809,609
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7. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Non-cash investing and financing activities were conducted by the Company as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002 \$	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2001 \$
Financing Activities		
Issuance of common shares for agent's fee	5,000	-
Share issue costs	(5,000)	-
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	-	-
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IMA EXPLORATION INC.
 QUARTERLY REPORT
 FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

1.(a) GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	\$
Administrative and management services	171,575
Amortization and depreciation	14,676
Bank charges and interest	6,488
Corporate development and investor relations	177,758
Office and sundry	24,952
Printing	19,629
Professional fees	111,074
Rent, parking and storage	54,582
Salaries and employee benefits	148,853
Telephone and utilities	24,598
Transfer agent and regulatory fees	33,208
Travel and accommodation	74,930

	862,223
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1.(b) MINERAL PROPERTIES AND RELATED DEFERRED COSTS

	ARGENTINA			PERU
	VALLE DE CURA	GUALCAMAYO	OTHER	RIO TABACONAS
Balance, beginning of period	2,489,152	62,475	225,831	1,803,714
Expenditures during the period				
Assays	-	-	6,574	24,278
Consultants	-	-	-	48,296
Environmental	-	-	-	59,962
Field supplies	-	-	-	16,550
Field workers	-	-	-	44,011
Geological	812	2,217	89,293	206,295
Maps	-	-	-	5,083
Office	-	-	-	13,888
Option payments	31,486	-	15,743	124,055
Other	14,197	-	47,450	102,543
Survey	-	-	-	20,923
Travel	-	-	-	35,118
Vehicles	-	-	-	29,691
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	46,495	2,217	159,060	730,693
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Balance, end of period	2,535,647	64,692	384,891	2,534,407
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1.(c) GENERAL EXPLORATION EXPENSES

	\$
Assays	1,448
Bank fees	10,137
Consulting	37,068
Geological	33,971
Maps	474
Office	3,936
Supplies	612
Travel	1,124
Vehicles	1,897

	90,667
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2.(a) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company:

- (i) paid \$104,376 to companies controlled by certain directors and officers of the Company, for management and consulting services provided; and
- (ii) paid \$45,693 for rent to an affiliated company.

3.(a) SECURITIES ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

DATE OF ISSUE	TYPE OF SECURITY	TYPE OF ISSUE	NUMBER	PRICE	TOTAL PROCEEDS	TYPE OF CONSIDERATION
Feb/02	Common	Private Placement	637,000	\$0.38	\$242,060	Cash
Apr/02	Common	Private Placement	1,777,778	\$0.45	\$800,000	Cash
Apr/02	Common	Private Placement	11,111	\$0.45	\$5,000	Agent's Fee
May/02	Common	Warrants	41,250	\$0.45	\$18,562	Cash
May/02	Common	Warrants	382,500	\$0.40	\$153,000	Cash
May/02	Common	Private Placement	1,722,222	\$0.45	\$775,000	Cash
Jun/02	Common	Warrants	259,000	\$0.35	\$90,650	Cash
Jun/02	Common	Warrants	222,611	\$0.45	\$100,176	Cash
Jun/02	Common	Warrants	732,500	\$0.40	\$293,000	Cash
Jun/02	Common	Options	170,000	\$0.40	\$68,000	Cash
Jul/02	Common	Warrants	385,000	\$0.40	\$154,000	Cash
Jul/02	Common	Warrants	62,500	\$0.45	\$28,125	Cash
Sep/02	Common	Private Placement	1,554,915	\$0.47	\$730,810	Cash

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3. (b) OPTIONS GRANTED DURING THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

DATE GRANTED	NUMBER OF SHARES	TYPE OF OPTION	NAME	EXERCISE PRICE \$	EXPIRY DATE
May 02/02	50,000	Employee	I. Saldana	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	50,000	Director	W. Lee	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	60,000	Director	S. Hurd	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	20,000	Employee	N. Cacos	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	10,000	Employee	B. Fallin	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	80,000	Employee	M. De Simone	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	80,000	Employee	I Chiarantano	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	10,000	Employee	J. Denee	0.50	May 02/02
May 02/02	150,000	Employee	C. Smyth	0.50	May 02/02
Sep. 23/02	50,000	Consultant	K. Patterson	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	20,000	Consultant	A. Montgomery	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	100,000	Director	N. Cacos	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	50,000	Director	R. Brown	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	50,000	Employee	N. DeMare	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	2,500	Consultant	J. Caplan	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	67,500	Employee	E. Grosso	0.50	Sep 23/02
Sep. 23/02	200,000	Director	J. Grosso	0.50	Sep 23/02

4. (a) AUTHORIZED AND ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

CLASS	PAR VALUE	AUTHORIZED NUMBER	ISSUED	
			NUMBER	AMOUNT
Common	WPV	100,000,000	26,550,606	\$21,354,824

4. (b) OPTIONS AND WARRANTS OUTSTANDING AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

SECURITY	NUMBER	EXERCISE PRICE \$	EXPIRY DATE
Options	1,415,500	0.40	Jul. 19/06
Options	510,000	0.50	May 02/07
Options	540,000	0.50	Sept. 23/07
	2,465,500		

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4.(b) OPTIONS AND WARRANTS OUTSTANDING AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 (continued)

SECURITY	NUMBER	EXERCISE PRICE \$	EXPIRY DATE
Warrants	1,558,000	0.75	Sept. 15/04
Warrants	637,000	0.75	Apr. 19/05
Warrants	1,397,167	0.90	Mar. 16/05
Warrants	1,237,800	0.45	Mar. 31/03*
Warrants	382,200	0.45	Mar. 31/03*
Warrants	562,528	0.54	Apr. 09/03
Warrants	355,556	0.54	Apr. 09/03
Warrants	66,666	0.53	May 23/03
Warrants	1,722,222	0.53	May 23/03
		0.60	May 23/04
Warrants	1,554,915	0.55	Sept. 27/03
		0.60	Sept. 27/04
Warrants	37,496	0.50	Sept. 27/03

	9,511,550		
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*Received regulatory approval to amend expiry dates from December 18, 2002 and January 29, 2003 to March 31, 2003.

4.(c) SHARES IN ESCROW OR SUBJECT TO POOLING AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

There were no shares subject to escrow or pooling as at September 30, 2002.

5.(a) LIST OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

DIRECTORS:

Gerald Carlson
Joseph Grosso
William Lee
Sean Hurd
Robert Brown
Nikolaos Cacos

OFFICERS:

Gerald Carlson (Chairman)
Joseph Grosso (President & Chief Executive Officer)
William Lee (Chief Financial Officer)
Nikolaos Cacos (Secretary)

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

Description of Business

IMA Exploration Inc. is in the process of exploring its mineral properties in South America and evaluating other mineral properties. The Company considers itself to be an exploration stage company. On the basis of information to date, it has not yet determined whether these properties contain economically recoverable ore reserves.

Operations

During the nine months ended September 30, 2002, the Company reported a consolidated loss of \$953,158 (\$0.04 per share), an increase of \$377,099 from the loss of \$576,059 (\$0.04 per share) in 2001. The increase in the loss experienced by the Company in 2002, compared to 2001, was due to a number of factors of which \$258,562 can be attributed to operating expenditures and \$118,537 to non-operating items.

The Company for the period ended September 30, 2002 has significantly increased its focus on activities in the Patagonia region of Argentina carrying out an extensive exploration program in the Chubut Province and acquiring five new gold projects. Additionally the Company has evaluated a number of projects available for option ranging from grass roots projects to advanced projects including those with resources. The Company has continued with the market awareness and investor relations program throughout North America and Europe.

As a result the Company experienced increases in the following expenses: (i) Administration and management services - \$ 7,034; (ii) Bank charges and interest - \$829; (iii) Corporate development and investor relations - \$128,739 of which \$51,419 reflects the cost of full time investor relations staff, \$62,080 for various media advertising and \$15,240 for International Conferences; (iv) General exploration - \$15,255; (v) Printing - \$8,275 mainly for investor presentation material; (vi) Professional fees - \$37,570 which relates to the ongoing North America and European market awareness program; (vii) Rent, parking and storage - \$2,367; (viii) Salaries and employee benefits - \$2,112 reflects a slight increase in administration wages and benefits cost; (ix) Telephone and utilities - \$7,762 due to the increase in correspondence with Europe, North America and South America; (x) Transfer agent and regulatory fees - \$21,611 as a result of the various equity financings; (xi) Travel and accommodation - \$32,580 mainly due to the European market awareness and investor relations program.

The following expenses decreased for the period: (i) Amortization and depreciation -\$1,829; and (ii) Office and sundry - \$3,743.

Interest and miscellaneous income reported for the period ended September 30, 2002 was \$15,695 a decrease of \$113,335 from \$129,030 reported in 2001 mainly due to the reduction of overhead charges for the exploration expenditures on the Valle del Cura property allowed under the Barrick agreement.

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During the period ended September 30, 2002, the Company did not dispose of any Viceroy common shares. No provision was required for marketable securities for the period ended September 30, 2002 as compared to \$16,618 reported in 2001.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's total assets increased from \$5,487,374 at December 31, 2001 to \$7,723,656 at September 30, 2002. The increase is attributed to issuance of share capital of \$2,358,814 through four private placements, \$837,513 and \$68,000 through the exercise of warrants and options, respectively, during the period.

As at September 30, 2002, the Company had working capital of \$2,112,952. As a result of revising the timetable for exploration on Rio Tabaconas in Peru, the Company has amended its exploration budget to \$305,000 for the remaining three months to December 31, 2002 and approximately \$120,000 for property payments on its existing property holdings. The Company currently considers that it has adequate working capital to meet all its ongoing overhead obligations but may not have sufficient working capital to fund all of its planned exploration work and property commitments for the next year. The Company will continue to rely on successfully completing additional equity financing and/or conducting joint venture arrangements to further exploration on its properties. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required financing or negotiating joint venture agreements. The failure to obtain such financing or joint venture agreements could result in the loss of or substantial dilution to the Company's interest in its properties.

Properties

New Epithermal Vein Discoveries - Patagonia, Argentina

On September 3, 2002, IMA announced the acquisition of several new gold properties to its existing portfolio in the Patagonia region of southern Argentina. These new acquisitions bring IMA's land position in this high profile gold district to almost 750 square kilometers (74,906 ha) on which the Company holds a 100% interest with no underlying royalties.

The newly acquired properties are within the same geological trend, and in a similar geological environment as Meridian Gold Inc.'s Esquel deposit (formerly owned by Brancote Holdings PLC and containing a resource of 3.8 million ounces gold, and 6.9 million ounces of silver).

On September 30, 2002, the Company reported progress on its Patagonia exploration program which commenced on August 13, 2002, as well as due diligence exploration on properties under negotiation in the region. Work to date had identified two gold bearing, low-sulphidation epithermal vein systems that potentially extend up to 10 kilometers in length. The geological environment and style of mineralization is very similar to the Esquel gold discovery, indicating excellent exploration potential for IMA's projects.

Work on IMA's Los Toros property was completed and the Company was waiting for final assays and field reports, while the exploration team has moved to the nearby Las Bayas/Victoria claims. Both projects contain large, low-sulphidation

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epithermal vein systems. An additional 3,000 hectares has been added to Los Toros to cover two newly discovered epithermal vein systems located approximately 6 kilometers to the southeast. Los Toros now covers 7,200 hectares that are 100% IMA owned.

On the Company's 100% owned Las Bayas and adjacent Victoria claims, individual veins had previously been traced for 350 meters. Recent work has now extended this into a zone of intense quartz veining (including individual veins up to 22 meters wide) for a strike length of 4.5 kilometers. Additional veining has been found 5.5 kilometers along strike to the northeast, suggesting a total strike length in excess of 10 kilometers.

The Patagonia region has also seen several other new gold discoveries, including; Cerro Vanguardia, and Manantial Espejo. Consequently, the district has attracted the keen interest of several of the world's largest gold and silver producers, as well as an increasing number of medium and small exploration companies.

Financings

The Company received \$182,125 on July 2, 2002 from the exercise of 385,000 warrants at a price \$0.40 and 62,500 warrants at a price of \$0.45. On September 27, 2002, IMA completed a brokered private placement for 1,554,915 units at \$0.47 per unit for net proceeds of \$698,987. Proceeds from the sale of the units and exercise of warrants are to be used for general working capital.

Investor Relations

During the nine months ended September 30, 2002 the Company had retained two consultants, Raven Capital of Vancouver, British Columbia and Strategic Financial Services of Scottsdale, Arizona to assist with IMA's market awareness and investor relations activities throughout North America and Europe. Both contracts have been terminated and activities during the quarter ended consisted of investor mailings and shareholders communications by Company personnel.