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February 22, 2005

UNITED STATES
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 FEBRUARY, 2005.

Commission File Number: 0-30464

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: FORM 20-F FORM 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form, is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
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.

IMA EXPLORATION INC.

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2005

/s/ Joseph Grosso

Joseph Grosso,
President & CEO

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BC FORM 51-102F3

MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY

IMA Exploration Inc. (the "Issuer")
#709 - 837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
V6C 3N6
Phone: (604) 687-1828

2. DATE OF MATERIAL CHANGE

February 17, 2005

3. PRESS RELEASE

The press release was released on February 17, 2005 through various approved public media and filed with the TSX Venture Exchange and the British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Quebec Securities Commissions.

4. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGE(S)

See attached press release for details.

5. FULL DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL CHANGE

See attached press release for details.

6. RELIANCE ON SUBSECTION 7.1(2) OR (3) OF NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 51-102

Not Applicable

7. OMITTED INFORMATION

Not Applicable

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Joseph Grosso
Phone: (604) 687-1828

9. DATE OF REPORT

February 17, 2005.

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NEWS RELEASE

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

WORLD CLASS MINING EXECUTIVE JOINS IMA TO DEVELOP ITS 100% OWNED NAVIDAD SILVER DEPOSIT

IMA EXPLORATION INC.'s President & C.E.O., Mr. Joseph Grosso, proudly announces the appointment of Eng. Augusto Baertl, former President of mining giant Antamina, as President & C.E.O. of IMA Latin America, based in Lima Peru. Mr. Baertl will be responsible for the development of IMA's 100% owned Navidad silver deposit in Argentina.

He will bring with him a lifetime of mining development experience and a knowledge of Latin American culture that will be extremely valuable in working with Argentines. He will work in conjunction with Inversiones Mineras Argentinas S.A. ("IMASA") President Eng. Carlos D'Amico and with the existing technical geological team led by Dr. Paul Lhotka, who will continue with his excellent exploration program to prove more value.

As the former President of Compania Minera Antamina, Mr. Baertl successfully conducted the exploration, development, construction and start up of the world class Antamina deposit (owned by Noranda Inc. 33.75%, BHP Billiton 33.75%, Teck Cominco Corporation 22.5% and Mitsubishi Corporation 10%; and, estimated to contain an in-pit resource of 530 million tonnes grading 1.22% copper, 1.0% zinc, and 13.7 grams/tonne of silver). Development of Antamina involved a capital investment of US\$2.2 Billion and under Mr. Baertl's leadership, Antamina was operational ahead of schedule, under budget and in strict compliance with international social and environmental standards. With a milling rate of 70,000 tonnes per day, Antamina is among the largest producers of copper and zinc concentrates in the world.

A graduate from the Mining Engineering School of Mines of the Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria, Peru. Mr. Baertl has also completed management programs at the Kellogg's Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and the Senior Management Program at Harvard University. Mr. Baertl is well known within the international mining community and comes from one of Peru's most prominent mining families, who led the development of the MILPO Mining Corporation. At MILPO, Mr. Baertl held several positions including President and CEO.

Currently Mr. Baertl serves on the board of the Canada-Peru Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the boards of Interbank, FIMA, the National Mining, Oil and Energy Association. In addition, he is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Horizonte Corporativo and Avanzando Juntos, two important non-profit organizations.

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In recognition of his professional accomplishments he received the following awards: the 2003 Peru Engineers Association's Award of Recognition for Institutional Achievement; Businessman of the Year in 2001 by the Instituto Peruano de Administracion; and, Business Man of the Century in 1999 awarded by the Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria.

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, Vice President Investor Relations, 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>.

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