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Form 6-K  
January 13, 2004

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 JANUARY , 2004.

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      X      Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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 January 2, 2004  
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By /s/ William Lee  
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(Signature)

William Lee, Director and Chief Financial Officer  
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1 Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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NEWS RELEASE

January 2, 2004

OPTION AGREEMENTS WITH AMERA FINALIZED

IMA Exploration Inc. (IMR:TSX-V) is pleased to announce that effective December 1, 2003 the TSX Venture Exchange accepted for filing documentation relating to:

1. a letter of intent dated March 6, 2003, as amended by an amending letter agreement dated Sept. 30, 2003, among IMA Exploration Inc., Inversiones Mineras Argentinas S.A (IMASA) and Amera Resources Corporation, whereby Amera was granted an option to acquire a 51-per-cent undivided interest in the group of mineral rights known as Mogote, located in the province of San Juan, Argentina (the Mogote project). To exercise the option, Amera must issue a total of 1.65 million common shares to the company and incur a total \$1.25-million (U.S.) in exploration and development expenditures; and
2. a property purchase agreement dated March 6, 2003, among the company, IMASA and Amera, whereby Amera acquired a 100-per-cent interest in certain mineral exploration properties located in the province of Chubut, Argentina, consisting of three cateos known as Lago Pico, Loma Alta and Nueva Ruta. As consideration, Amera issued to the company 500,000 common

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shares. In the event that a decision is made to place any of these properties into commercial production, Amera will pay a \$250,000 (U.S.) bonus to the company and grant to the company a 3-per-cent net smelter return.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Joseph Grosso

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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](mailto: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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