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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 JUNE, 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)

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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: JUNE 16, 2005

/s/ Joseph Grosso

Joseph Grosso,
President & CEO

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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

June 16, 2005

3. PRESS RELEASE

The press release was released on June 16, 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

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9. DATE OF REPORT

June 16, 2005.

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NEWS RELEASE - JUNE 16, 2005

SILVER RESOURCES INCREASE TO OVER 300 MILLION OUNCES AT IMA'S NAVIDAD DISCOVERY

IMA EXPLORATION INC. (IMR-TSX.V, IMXPF-OTC.BB) is pleased to report the results of a resource estimate on the Calcite Hill deposit at it's 100% owned Navidad Project in Patagonia, Argentina. The Indicated Resources at the Navidad Project now totals 300.7 million ounces of silver and 1.27 million tonnes of lead (92.8 million tonnes @ 101 g/t silver and 1.36% lead). Ongoing drilling continues to define additional mineralization in the area of the Calcite Hill deposit beyond the resource estimate published here.

With the addition for the first time of Indicated and Inferred Resources at Calcite Hill, IMA's Exploration Team has now defined continuous silver resources (Indicated and Inferred) over a 2.3 kilometre strike length along the Navidad Trend. Ongoing drilling is targeting significant extensions to this world-class silver resource; additional surface work continues to better define additional known mineralization at the Argenta and Esperanza Trends. In addition to exploring for new resources, the company continues to better define and expand resources around the margins of Galena Hill, the Connector Zone, and Navidad Hill. It is expected that updated resource estimations will be undertaken once this phase of drilling is complete.

NAVIDAD PROJECT INDICATED RESOURCES AT 50 G/T SILVER EQUIVALENT CUT-OFF1:

DEPOSIT	TONNES (MILLIONS)	SILVER (G/T)	LEAD (%)	CONTAINED SILVER (MILLION OZS)	C (T)
Galena Hill	63.6	101	1.76	207.3	
Connector	2.1	74	0.27	4.9	
Navidad Hill	15.2	115	0.35	56.3	
Calcite Hill	12.0	83	0.75	32.2	
TOTAL INDICATED RESOURCE	92.8	101	1.36	300.7	

NAVIDAD PROJECT INFERRED RESOURCES AT 50 G/T SILVER EQUIVALENT CUT-OFF1:

DEPOSIT	TONNES (MILLIONS)	SILVER (G/T)	LEAD (%)	CONTAINED SILVER (MILLION OZS)	C (T)
Galena Hill	5.8	43	0.56	7.9	
Connector	6.5	100	0.20	20.9	

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Navidad Hill	2.9	103	0.77	9.6
Calcite Hill	0.05	28	0.66	0.05

TOTAL INFERRED RESOURCE	15.2	78	0.45	38.4

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The new resource estimate was prepared by Neil Burns, M.Sc., P.Geo. of Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Inc., who is an Independent Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. The Calcite Hill estimate relied on assay results from 35 diamond drill holes covering an area of approximately 550 x 150-250 metres. Most of the estimated resource lies at relatively shallow depths starting at 50 to 80 metres and extending to 100 to 180 metres below the surface. Snowden created a block model (block size 12.5 x 12.5 metres in plan by 10 metres in depth) of the Calcite Hill deposit and coded this model into four domains based on geological interpretation. Grade was estimated using multiple indicator kriging techniques within the higher-grade domain and ordinary kriging with appropriate grade capping elsewhere. Densities were assigned to a block model using a nearest neighbour estimate from composited data determined from density measurements of entire boxes of whole core. Average densities used to calculate the tonnage at various AgEq cut-off grades are shown in the tables below. A small portion of the previously reported Navidad Hill Inferred Resource has been upgraded to the Indicated category and included within the Calcite Hill estimate. The Navidad Hill resources have been restated above to reflect these minor changes. Please note that the Project database at the time of this estimation comprised 174 diamond drill holes totalling 27,982 metres. Currently, 194 holes have been completed totalling over 32,200 metres.

Tables showing the breakdown of estimated resources at Calcite Hill at various silver equivalent cut-off grades are shown below. Complete tables and grade-tonnage curves showing the resource estimates for all the Navidad deposits at various cut-off grades are available at the company's website (WWW.IMAEXPLORATION.COM). The base-case 50 g/t silver equivalent (AgEq) cut-off was chosen as it reflects a contained gross metal value that is similar to many bulk-tonnage operations worldwide. No economic analysis has been applied to determine this figure; resources tabulated at other cut-off grades are presented below for comparison purposes. It is important to note that at Calcite Hill doubling the cut-off to 100 g/t AgEq only reduces the contained ounces of silver by 21%; applying this higher cut off to the project total resources produces only a 14% reduction in contained silver showing the robust nature of these deposits. Silver equivalent values were calculated using silver, lead, copper, and zinc grades and the same metal prices as were used in the previous Galena Hill and Navidad Hill resource estimates¹. The silver equivalence formula makes no allowances for variable metal recoveries.

CALCITE HILL INDICATED RESOURCES:

CUT-OFF	AVERAGE DENSITY	THOUSAND TONNES	AG	CU	PB	ZN	CONTAINED SILVER
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(g/t AgEq)	(g/cm3)		(g/t)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(M oz)
100	2.57	6,943	113	0.07	1.04	0.08	25.2
80	2.56	8,741	101	0.07	0.92	0.09	28.4
70	2.55	9,831	94	0.07	0.86	0.10	29.8
60	2.54	10,964	88	0.07	0.80	0.11	31.1
50	2.54	12,048	83	0.07	0.75	0.11	32.2

CALCITE HILL INFERRED RESOURCES:

CUT-OFF (g/t AgEq)	AVERAGE DENSITY (g/cm3)	THOUSAND TONNES	AG (g/t)	CU (%)	PB (%)	ZN (%)	CONTAINED SILVER (M oz)
100	2.70	8	149	55	2.00	0.17	0.015
80	2.61	16	117	41	1.36	0.33	0.021
70	2.47	31	98	37	0.93	0.31	0.037
60	2.48	39	92	32	0.85	0.36	0.040
50	2.42	53	82	28	0.66	0.38	0.048

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Notes:

1. Silver equivalent calculated using US\$5.50/oz silver, \$0.30/lb lead, \$1.10/lb copper, and \$0.40/lb zinc. (AgEq = Ag + (%Pb*10,000/242.5) + (%Cu*10,000/66.1) + (%Zn*10,000/181.9)). No attempt has been made to adjust these relative values by accounting for metallurgical recoveries as insufficient or no information is available to do so. Metal prices have been left unchanged from the prior estimate at Galena Hill in May 2004 in order to simplify comparisons to the prior estimate.
2. The Galena Hill, Navidad Hill and Connector Zone Indicated Resources remain unchanged from the Phase I and II resource estimations released on May 25, 2004 and December 1, 2004 except for restating of the Navidad Hill Resource where a small change was made at the common border with the Calcite Hill resource.
3. Strict quality control and quality assurance procedures have been observed at all stages of data collection leading to this resource. Please see IMA's website (www.imaexploration.com) for a detailed overview of these procedures.
4. Resource categories (Indicated and Inferred) used here and the preparation of this resource estimate conform to Industry Best Practices standards as set out by National Instrument 43-101 "Standards of disclosure for mineral projects" and those of the 2000 Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum (the "CIM") "Standards on Mineral Resources and Reserves".
5. A National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report documenting the Snowden Resource Estimate will be filed at www.sedar.com as is required by Security Commission regulations.
6. An 'INFERRED MINERAL RESOURCE' is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity and grade or quality can be estimated on the basis of geological

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evidence and limited sampling and reasonably assumed, but not verified, geological and grade continuity. The estimate is based on limited information and sampling gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes.

7. An `INDICATED MINERAL RESOURCE' is that part of a Mineral Resource for which quantity, grade or quality, densities, shape and physical characteristics, can be estimated with a level of confidence sufficient to allow the appropriate application of technical and economic parameters, to support mine planning and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit. The estimate is based on detailed and reliable exploration and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes that are spaced closely enough for geological and grade continuity to be reasonably assumed.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Joseph Grosso

Mr. Joseph Grosso, President & CEO

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