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March 12, 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)

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Yes _____ No _____ X _____

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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 10, 2003 By /s/ William Lee

(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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NEWS RELEASE

March 10, 2003

IMA'S NAVIDAD DISCOVERY - A SILVER-RICH EPITHERMAL/VMS SYSTEM

IMA Exploration Inc. is pleased to report on the geologic setting of its 100% owned Navidad discovery in Patagonia, Argentina. The Company believes that the Navidad system is part of a shallow subaqueous epithermal system that deposited metals at or near the sea floor. Mapping shows that the previously reported bonanza-grade silver structures at the Navidad Hill zone (average of all 43 samples taken to date is 6,537 g/t silver, 3.5% copper, and 16.6% lead) occur within a felsic volcanic flow-dome. They are interpreted to represent "feeder" structures to mineralization that comprises extensive areas of sulphide replacement of unconsolidated volcanic breccias. Navidad is unlike typical volcanogenic massive sulphide systems (VMS) in that no stratiform massive sulphides have been found to date. It is also unique in that it is extremely

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silver-rich and has virtually no iron sulphide minerals. The closest geological analogs for Navidad are other precious-metal enriched VMS systems with epithermal characteristics such as the Eskay Creek Mine (1.45 Mt @ 57.7 g/t gold and 2,493 g/t silver; 1999) and the Greens Creek Mine (17.5 Mt @ 6.5 g/t gold, 460 g/t silver, 4.0% lead and 12.8% zinc). The discovery is without precedent in the Jurassic stratigraphy of continental Patagonia.

Host rocks to mineralization at Navidad include felsic volcanic flow-domes, breccias with clasts derived from the flow-domes, limestone, and exhalites of chert and carbonate (see attached map). The exhalite locally contains silver values up to 399 g/t silver. Replacement-style mineralization occurs within a heterolithic breccia in varying intensity over an area of 3.8 kilometres long by 250 metres wide. Previously reported sampling of the mineralized breccia averages 158 g/t silver and 8.9% lead. New sampling of portions of the replacement-style mineralization (not included in the above average) near the felsic flow-domes has returned values of up to 4,012 g/t silver, 2.4% copper, and 22.3% lead. This replacement mineralization with much higher silver grades appears to occur adjacent to flow-domes. The dimensions of this new style of high-silver replacement mineralization is currently undetermined, further exploration has the potential to expand the known mineralization considerably.

Recently completed preliminary petrographic work on surface samples indicates the Navidad Hill bonanza-grade structures contain fine-grained argentite-acanthite (Ag₂S), galena (PbS), chalcocite (Cu₂S), and lesser copper-silver-lead chlorides and oxides. The high silver content of the primary minerals, the complete lack of pyrite or iron oxides, and the presence of oxide copper minerals at surface suggest that strong leaching and supergene enrichment have not occurred. The replacement-style mineralization is comprised almost entirely of silver-bearing galena (PbS); no discrete silver minerals were identified petrographically.

The Navidad discovery was made as a direct result of IMA's ongoing grassroots exploration program in Patagonia. The Company has assembled a highly skilled, highly motivated team of explorationists and is establishing excellent relationships with the communities from which field work is conducted. The perseverance of IMA's management and exploration team has led to numerous discoveries including, most recently, Navidad.

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Map may be viewed at: www.imaexploration.com

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

/s/ Gerald G. Carlson

Dr. Gerald G. Carlson, P.Eng., Chairman

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