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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATED DECEMBER 17, 2002

Commission File Number 000-13727

PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP.

(Registrant's name)

SUITE 1500, 625 HOWE STREET
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA V6C 2T6

(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 [X]

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Yes [] No [X]

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Pan American Silver Corp., has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 17, 2002
PAN AMERICAN SILVER CORP.

By: /s/ Ross Beaty

Ross Beaty
Chairman and C.E.O.

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NEWS RELEASE

December 17, 2003

PAN AMERICAN AND CORNER BAY EXTEND MERGER CLOSING DATE

Vancouver, British Columbia and Toronto, Ontario....Pan American Silver Corp (Nasdaq - PAAS; TSX - PAA) and Corner Bay Silver Inc. (TSX - BAY) announce that they have extended the date for closing of the Plan of Arrangement to merge the two companies as described in their earlier news releases dated June 19 and November 15, 2002. The closing date has been extended until February 28, 2003 to allow for the fulfilling of the condition for Corner Bay to secure water rights for the Alamo Dorado silver-gold project in Mexico. An individual agricultural unit (modula) signed a letter of intent to transfer ownership for the required amount of water to Corner Bay. The Hydraulic Committee governing all users within the water district is scheduled to meet before year-end to vote on this transfer of water rights. If positive outcome is received at the Hydraulic Committee meeting and the Comision Nacional del Agua ("CoNAGua" or "CNA"), the Mexican Federal water governing board supports the arrangements, Pan American will proceed to close the merger as soon as possible.

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Ross Beaty, Chairman or Rosie Moore, VP Corporate Relations, Pan American, 604-684-1175 Peter Mordaunt, Chairman or Steve Brunelle, Vice President, Corner Bay, 416-368-6240

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