IMA EXPLORATION INC Form 6-K July 18, 2006

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 JULY, 2006.

Commission File Number: 001-32558

#709 - 837 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3N6, Canada

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.
Date: July 16, 2006	/s/ Joseph Grosso
	Joseph Grosso, President & CEO

#### 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

July 14, 2006

3. PRESS RELEASE

The press release was released on July 16, 2006 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

July 17, 2006.

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NEWS RELEASE - JULY 16, 2006

JUDGMENT GOES AGAINST IMA ON NAVIDAD COURT DECISION

IMA EXPLORATION INC. (IMR-AMEX, IMR-TSX.V) wishes to announce that on Friday, July 15, 2006 after seven months of consideration Madam Justice Koenigsberg of the Supreme Court of British Columbia ruled against IMA Exploration Inc. in the case brought by Minera Aquiline Argentina Sa alleging breach of a Confidentiality Agreement entered into between IMA and Newmont Mining in 2002 concerning the potential sale of a gold property in Argentina.

The trial judge has held that all information provided by Newmont's personnel was covered by the agreement and that accordingly IMA's geologists were not permitted to make use of the information in directing their exploration activities. The judge has ordered the defendants to transfer the Navidad mining claims to the plaintiff upon payment of reasonable acquisition and development costs incurred by IMA.

Management of the Company has carefully reviewed the trial judge's reasons. Counsel has been instructed to appeal the judgment immediately and to seek the earliest possible date for the hearing of the appeal. It is expected that the appeal will focus on the legal correctness of the trial judge's interpretation of the Confidentiality Agreement as well as other grounds of appeal. Management believes that the trial judge's interpretation of the agreement is contrary to the terms of the agreement itself, industry practice and understanding and the facts made known at trial. The Company will ask the Court of Appeal that the judgment be set aside in its entirety.

As soon as the timing of the appeal  $\$  becomes  $\$  known it will be  $\$  announced in the normal course.

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.

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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