

TASEKO MINES LTD
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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
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CIK # 878518

as at May 13, 2008

TASEKO MINES LIMITED
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Yes No

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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 by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Mason
Director and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 16, 2008

Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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TASEKO PROCEEDS WITH PHASE III EXPANSION AT GIBRALTAR MINE

May 13, 2008, Vancouver, BC - Taseko Mines Limited (TSX: TKO; AMEX: TGB) is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has approved a Phase III expansion of the Company's wholly owned Gibraltar Mine, located in south-central British Columbia.

Under the approved capital plan, the Gibraltar operation will be expanded by 30,000 tons per day processing capacity at a capital cost of approximately C\$350 million. This increase in the milling capacity of the Gibraltar concentrator will result in annual copper production capability of approximately 180 million pounds per year, as well as 4.5 million pounds of molybdenum, by the fourth quarter of 2010. The Company is considering a number of financing alternatives, involving approximately 30% debt and 70% generated from internal cash flow, to fund the capital expenditure.

Russell E. Hallbauer, President and CEO of Taseko, commented:

"As the Company has continued to look for growth opportunities it was clear that further investment at Gibraltar is the most accretive for our shareholders. With infrastructure already in place, plus extensive reserves and resources, we can increase production by an additional 50% in a very short period of time, while maintaining a long mine life.

Our engineering group has been engaged for a number of months on the concentrator design and mine development

plan for this expansion. We have an engineering, procurement, construction and management team in place that is in the final stages of completing our Phase I and II expansion, on time and on budget, and this is very important to the next phase. Critical mill and mine equipment has been sourced and we believe that this next expansion can be completed in roughly 27 months. The accelerated time-line is targeted to capitalize on the forward copper price curve, resulting in a very short payback and reducing the risk of the project."

Mr. Hallbauer continued:

"This expansion will help reduce our cost structure at Gibraltar and further increase the long-term viability of the mine. This project will have a significant effect on the regional economy of the south-Cariboo because of the construction workforce that will be required over the next 2 years as well as the long-term permanent direct and indirect jobs. When the project is complete, we will have invested over \$500 million in the region and our Company will have had a material impact on mitigating the effects of the slowdown in the forest industry resulting from the pine beetle devastation, price of lumber and the US housing market slowdown.

Additionally, we are prepared to invest upwards of \$800 million in our Prosperity project. We are urging the governments to move forward in the process before the opportunity to build this mine is gone as a result of a change in the metal markets, or to investment opportunities that present themselves to our Company in other jurisdictions."

For further details on Taseko and its properties, please visit the Company's website at www.tasekomines.com or contact Investor Services at (604) 684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114.

Russell Hallbauer
President and CEO

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