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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 March 26, 2004

# **TASEKO MINES LIMITED**

800 West Pender Street, Suite 1020 Vancouver , British Columbia Canada V6C 2V6

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

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.

Date: March 26, 2004

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

## **Taseko Mines Limited**

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#### GIBRALTAR MINE ON SCHEDULE FOR COPPER PRODUCTION BY OCTOBER 2004

March 26, 2004, Vancouver, BC - Ronald W. Thiessen, President and CEO of Taseko Mines Limited (TSX Venture: TKO; OTCBB: TKOCF) is pleased to announce that the Company is on track to re-start operations at the Gibraltar mine, located near Williams Lake in south-central British Columbia, this summer. It is expected that copper concentrate shipments to customers will commence by October 2004.

Historically a swing producer, Taseko's objective is to re-establish the Gibraltar mine with a competitive and predictable cost structure that is responsive to market conditions, resulting in sustainable operations over the long term. Negotiating competitive prices for equipment purchases and contracts in preparation for re-start is key. The status of these activities is:

- Major mining equipment, in particular a new mining shovel that is critical for production planning, has been secured for delivery, ex-factory, in mid June;
- Purchase and treatment terms for mine concentrates have been agreed to by a major buyer, and detailed contract documents are being finalized;
- Operating and manpower alternatives are being considered and assessed for direct and/or joint venture operations; and
- Transportation and materials handling arrangements for port and rail are well advanced, and within necessary lead times.

Mr. Thiessen said, "Gibraltar re-start activities are well underway and have progressed to the point where we are confident that the mine will deliver its first copper concentrate to the market on October 1, 2004. Most of the prerequisites of the re-start and delivery schedules are secure, and operations are proceeding on a normal course basis. We are pleased with the accomplishments to date by our 12-member mine site senior management and technical team."

Gibraltar will be one of the first mine openings in central British Columbia in many years. The mine will employ approximately 290 people and create millions of dollars in economic activity.

For further details on Taseko Mines Limited 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.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Ronald W. Thiessen

Ronald W. Thiessen President & CEO

No regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this news release.

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