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

FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2008

Check here if Amendment [ ]; Amendment Number:

This Amendment (Check only one): [ ] is a restatement.  
[ ] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: ASA Limited  
Address: 11 Summer Street, 4th floor, Buffalo, NY 14209-2256

Form 13F File Number: 28-11034

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Robert J.A. Irwin  
Title: Chairman, President & Treasurer  
Phone: 716-883-2428

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ Robert J.A. Irwin Buffalo, New York February 10, 2009  
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Report Type (Check only one):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 10

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$237,316 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13f file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

[If there are no entries in this list, state "NONE" and omit the column headings and list entries.]

None

### FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE (x\$1000)	SHARES/ PRN AMT	SH/ PRN	PUT/ CALL	INVESTMENT DISCRETION
Agnico-Eagle Mines Limited	Common Stock	008474108	30,798	600,000	SH		Sole
Barrick Gold Corporation	Common Stock	067901108	37,689	1,025,000	SH		Sole
Compania de Minas Buenaventura	Sponsored ADR	204448104	29,063	1,459,000	SH		Sole
Goldcorp Inc.	Common Stock	380956409	37,836	1,200,000	SH		Sole
Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited	Sponsored ADR	413216300	5,519	503,100	SH		Sole
Kinross Gold Corporation	Common Stock	496902404	13,815	750,000	SH		Sole
Newmont Mining Corporation	Common Stock	651639106	17,109	420,368	SH		Sole
NovaGold Resources Inc.	Note	66987EAA5	4,425	15,000,000	PRN		Sole
Randgold Resources Limited	ADR	752344309	48,079	1,094,700	SH		Sole
SPDR Gold Trust	Gold Shares	78463V107	12,983	150,000	SH		Sole

