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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCDONALD GABRIELLE K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER

& GOLD INC [FCX]

(Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2006

2001 HOLCOMBE BLVD. #3201

(Middle)

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Officer (give title

Person

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

HOUSTON, TX 77030

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative Security

1. Title of

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Options (right to buy)	\$ 29.1	05/02/2006		A <u>(1)</u>	2,500		08/01/2006	08/01/2012	Class B Common Stock
Options (right to buy)	\$ 15.195	05/02/2006		D <u>(1)</u>		2,500	08/01/2006	08/01/2012	Class B Common Stock
Options (right to buy)	\$ 29.1	05/02/2006		A <u>(1)</u>	5,000		08/01/2006(2)	08/01/2013	Class B Common Stock
Options (right to buy)	\$ 26.975	05/02/2006		D <u>(1)</u>		5,000	08/01/2006(2)	08/01/2013	Class B Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 29.1	05/02/2006		A <u>(1)</u>	1,639		08/01/2006	08/01/2012	Class B Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 15.195	05/02/2006		D <u>(1)</u>		1,639	08/01/2006	08/01/2012	Class B Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 29.1	05/02/2006		A <u>(1)</u>	3,278		08/01/2006(2)	08/01/2013	Class B Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 26.975	05/02/2006		D <u>(1)</u>		3,278	08/01/2006(2)	08/01/2013	Class B Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
- 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MCDONALD GABRIELLE K 2001 HOLCOMBE BLVD. #3201 HOUSTON, TX 77030	X					

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Gabrielle K. McDonald pursuant to a power of attorney 05/03/2006

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - In order to ensure that the stock options and stock appreciation rights granted to the Reporting Person are exempt from the application of new Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 409A"), on May 2, 2006, the Issuer and the Reporting Person agreed to increase the exercise price of the award to reflect the fair market value of the Issuer's Class B Common Stock on May 9, 2004, the date of
- (1) grant, and to provide a cash payment, subject to a vesting schedule, for the lost discount. The remaining terms of the award remain unchanged. For purposes of Section 16(a), the amendment to the exercise price of the award will result in a deemed cancellation of the old award and the grant of a replacement award. However, for purposes of Section 409A, such amendment will not be deemed to involve a cancellation or new grant.
- (2) 50% exercisable on the date indicated and on the next anniversary thereof.

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