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Form 4 May 15, 2007

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ADKERSON RICHARD C

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]

(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2007

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

X_ Officer (give title

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

(State)

1615 POYDRAS STREET

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year)

or Exercise

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

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

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (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	Amo Nun Shai
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 72.92	05/11/2007		A(1)		1,500,000		05/11/2008(2)	05/11/2017	Common Stock	1,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting of their runner, reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ADKERSON RICHARD C 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	X		Chief Executive Officer					

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson pursuant to a power of attorney 05/15/2007

**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).
- This grant is pursuant to the Issuer's policy to grant stock options to its executive officers every three years. The Issuer, however, has elected to accelerate the executive officer grants by approximately nine months in consideration of the acquisition of Phelps Dodge Corporation earlier this year.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

Remarks:

Following the reported transaction, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes options to acquire a total of 2,2 Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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