ROY J STAPLETON

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ROY J STAPLETON**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

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(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) & GOLD INC [FCX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH

01/01/2006

(Month/Day/Year)

FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Issuer

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(State) (Zip) (City) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

4. Securities Acquired

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

21,359

Class B Common

Stock (1)

(Instr. 3)

01/01/2006

Α 92 54.125

D

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)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transact Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	:		Amou Under Securi (Instr.	lying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROY J STAPLETON 350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Stapleton Roy, pursuant to a power of attorney

01/03/2006

**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).
- (1) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 4,000 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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