

ARNOLD MICHAEL J

Form 4

February 07, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ARNOLD MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER
& GOLD INC [FCX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1615 POYDRAS STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Administrative Officer

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class B Common Stock					2,143 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k) Plan
Class B Common Stock	02/03/2006		M	18,750 A	\$ 36.765 61,457	D	
Class B Common Stock	02/03/2006		S	100 D	\$ 62.61 61,357	D	
Class B Common	02/03/2006		S	5,700 D	\$ 62.58 55,657	D	

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Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 62.55	53,657	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 62.54	53,457	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 62.52	53,257	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	2,100	D	\$ 62.48	51,157	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	700	D	\$ 62.45	50,457	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	S	7,750	D	\$ 62.44	42,707	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/03/2006	F ⁽³⁾	798	D	\$ 61.955	41,909	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/04/2006	F ⁽⁴⁾	1,327	D	\$ 61.955	40,582	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/06/2006	M	18,750	A	\$ 18.885	59,332	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/06/2006	S	850	D	\$ 61.6	58,482	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/06/2006	S	11,200	D	\$ 61.5	47,282	D
Stock							
Class B							
Common	02/06/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 61.47	45,582	D
Stock ⁽⁶⁾							
Class B							
Common	02/06/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 61.55	40,582	D
Stock							

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.765	02/03/2006		M		18,750		02/03/2005 ⁽²⁾	02/03/2014	Class B Common Stock	18,750
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.885	02/06/2006		M		18,750		02/04/2004 ⁽⁵⁾	02/04/2013	Class B Common Stock	18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARNOLD MICHAEL J 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			Chief Administrative Officer	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of Michael J. Arnold pursuant to a power of attorney

02/07/2006

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Based on plan statement as of December 30, 2005.

(2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(3) Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon vesting of 2,187 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(4) Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon vesting of 3,640 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(5) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(6) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 15,053 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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