

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER &amp; GOLD INC

Form 4

April 25, 2006

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON MARK 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)  
04/21/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP, COO

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

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

(City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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					1,072 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Class B Common Stock	04/21/2006		M	18,750 A	\$ 36.765 29,024	D	
Class B Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	04/21/2006		S	18,750 D	\$ 68.46 10,274	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)

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	04/21/2006		M	18,750	02/03/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/03/2014	Class B Common Stock 18,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON MARK J 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			SVP, COO	

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of Mark J. Johnson pursuant to a power of attorney

04/25/2006

\_\_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) Based on plan statement as of March 31, 2006.

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

(3) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 10,274 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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