

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 4

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1(b).

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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

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

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)

**350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH
FLOOR**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/01/2006

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class B Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/01/2006		A		2,000	A	\$ 0 13,442
						D	

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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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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)	\$ 54.775	06/01/2006		A		10,000		06/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	06/01/2016	Class B Common Stock	10,000

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

06/02/2006

____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 transactions includes 6,000 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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