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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD GERALD 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) 200 CRESC 1350	(First) (M	(Mor	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2006				Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
DALLAS, T	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	Table I - Non-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 any (Month/Day/Y	Code	on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		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			Code v	Timount	(D)	THE	10,000	I	By Self as Trustee of Trust	
Class B Common Stock (1)	10/01/2006		A	186	A	\$ 53.5	8,251	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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Gerald J. Ford, pursuant to a power of attorney

10/03/2006

**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 4,500 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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