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FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC Form 4 January 31, 2007 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WHITMIRE C DONALD JR Issuer Symbol FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER (Check all applicable) & GOLD INC [FCX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **1615 POYDRAS STREET** 01/30/2007 VP & Controller Financial Rptg (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class B Through

Common 714 (1) I 401(k) Stock Plan Class B Common 01/30/2007 Α 3.650 Α \$0 7,462,144 D Stock (2)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Options (right to buy)	\$ 56.5	01/30/2007		А	20,000	01/30/2008(3)	01/30/2017	Class B Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			VP & Controller Financial Rptg					
Signatures								
Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of								

attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Based on plan statement as of December 31, 2006. (1)
- Amount beneficially owned immediately following the reported transaction includes 4,126 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock (2)Units.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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