

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 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 *
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

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)

ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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

01/28/2008

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

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

VP & Controller Financial Rptg

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	724 ⁽¹⁾	I	Through 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	01/28/2008		A ⁽²⁾	3,000 A \$ 0	10,283.144	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)	\$ 85.3	01/28/2008		A	15,000	01/28/2009 ⁽³⁾ 01/28/2018	Common Stock 15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	VP & Controller Financial Rptg

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney 01/30/2008

____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 December 31, 2007.

(2) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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