

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

Form 4

February 04, 2009

**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 \*  
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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/02/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
VP & Controller Financial Rptg

(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

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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					754 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Through 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	02/02/2009		A <sup>(3)</sup>	6,250 A \$ 0	15,517.144	D	
Common Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	02/02/2009		A <sup>(5)</sup>	18,750 A \$ 0	34,267.144	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.59	02/02/2009		A	35,000	02/02/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/02/2019	Common Stock	35,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney 02/04/2009

\_\_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, 2008.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 28,217 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (5) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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