

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

Form 4

February 17, 2010

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)
02/15/2010

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

VP & Controller Financial Rptg

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

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☐ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 754 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Through 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 02/15/2010 | | F ⁽³⁾ | 2,075 D \$ 73.68 | 29,491 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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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

02/17/2010

**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, 2009.

(2) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 13,500 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(3) Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon vesting of 6,250 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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