

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

Form 4

February 08, 2012

**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)  
333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/06/2012

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

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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) (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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (right to buy)	\$ 46.73	02/06/2012	A		45,000		02/06/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/06/2022	Common Stock		45,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR 333 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

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

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