FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC Form 8-K October 07, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 7, 2004

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

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1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of

the registrant under any of the following provisions:

SIGNATURE
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated October 7, 2004, announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized an increase in its annual common stock dividend from \$0.80 per share to \$1.00 per share (see exhibit 99).
Item 8.01. Other Events.
[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be

signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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By: \s\ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

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Vice President and Controller -

Financial Reporting

(authorized signatory and

Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: October 7, 2004

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

Exhibit Index

Number

Press release dated October 7, 2004, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Announces Increase in Annual Common Stock Dividend to \$1.00 per Share.