MOFFETT JAMES R

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MOFFETT JAMES R			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) 1615 POYDRAS STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board
	(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
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW ORI		Person							
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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 on Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	f (D)	uired (A) or Price	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)
Class B Common Stock							22,737 (4)	I	By 401(k) plan
Class B Common Stock							7,552 (1)	I	By Spouse
Class B Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	193,750	A	\$ 14.77	193,750	D	
Class B Common	01/30/2006		M	205,904	A	\$ 13.9734	399,654	D	

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Stock								
Class B Common Stock	01/30/2006	F	199,487	D	\$ 62.825	200,167	D	
Class B Common Stock	01/30/2006	J <u>(3)</u>	200,167	D	\$ 0	0	D	
Class B Common Stock	01/30/2006	<u>J(3)</u>	200,167	A	\$ 0	1,337,819	I	By Limited Liability Company

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)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	5) (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.77	01/30/2006		M		193,750	01/29/2003(2)	01/29/2012	Class B Common Stock	193,1
Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.9734	01/30/2006		M		205,904	01/29/2003(2)	01/29/2012	Class B Common Stock	205,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
MOFFETT JAMES R								
1615 POYDRAS STREET	X		Chairman of the Board					
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112								

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Signatures

Cynthia M. Molyneux, on behalf of James R. Moffett pursuant to a power of attorney

02/01/2006

**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) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) These shares were transferred to Moffett Holdings, L.L.C. and are now reported as indirectly held by the Reporting Person.
- (4) Based on plan statement as of December 30, 2005.

Remarks:

Following the reported transactions, the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership includes options to acquire a total of 1,500,000 persons.

of Class B Common Stock, 1,125,000 of which are unvested and 375,000 of which are vested as of the date of the filing of this Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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