Form 8-K December 14, 2011 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): December 14, 2011 FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-11307-01

333 North Central Avenue

(State or other jurisdiction of

Delaware

incorporation)

Phoenix, AZ 85004-2189 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("FCX") issued a press release dated December 14, 2011 announcing the successful resolution of PT Freeport Indonesia's ("PT-FI") labor strike that began on September 15, 2011 and updating the status of PT-FI's Grasberg operations in Papua, Indonesia (see Exhibit 99.1).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURE

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.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

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

C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.
Vice President and Controller Financial Reporting (authorized signatory and
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: December 14, 2011

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number

Press Release dated December 14 2011, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Announces Successful Resolution of PT-FI Labor Issues and Updates Status of PT-FI Operations."