

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)
1615 POYDRAS STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/22/2005

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

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

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
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(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 (A) or (D) Price			
Class B Common Stock					1,072	I	Through IRA
Class B Common Stock					638.87 ⁽¹⁾	I	Through 401(k) Plan
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005		M	3,744 A \$ 13.9734	6,691	D	
Class B Common	07/22/2005		M	4,500 A \$ 11.31	11,191	D	

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Stock							
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	M	5,000	A	\$ 18.885	16,191	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	444	D	\$ 40.33	15,747	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	100	D	\$ 40.29	15,647	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 40.28	14,547	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	700	D	\$ 40.23	13,847	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	2,800	D	\$ 40.22	11,047	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	3,300	D	\$ 40.21	7,747	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	200	D	\$ 40.2	7,547	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	700	D	\$ 40.19	6,847	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	600	D	\$ 40.18	6,247	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 40.17	5,747	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	100	D	\$ 40.16	5,647	D
Class B Common Stock	07/22/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 40.14	4,347	D
Class B Common Stock ⁽⁵⁾	07/22/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 40.13	2,947	D

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.9734	07/22/2005		M	3,744	01/29/2003 ⁽²⁾ 01/29/2012	Class B Common Stock	3,744
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.31	07/22/2005		M	4,500	01/30/2002 ⁽³⁾ 01/30/2011	Class B Common Stock	4,500
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.885	07/22/2005		M	5,000	02/04/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/04/2013	Class B Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			VP & Controller Financial Rptg	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney

07/26/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Based on plan statement as of June 30, 2005.

(2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(4) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(5) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 951 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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