

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
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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 \*  
**ROY J STAPLETON**

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)  
**350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR**  
 (Street)  
**NEW YORK, NY 10022**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/30/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/30/2008		M	2,500	A \$ 29.1	18,494	D
Common Stock	04/30/2008		M	5,000	A \$ 29.1	23,494	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	04/30/2008		M	5,000	A \$ 33.47	28,494	D

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.1	04/30/2008		M	2,500	08/01/2006	08/01/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.1	04/30/2008		M	5,000	08/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.47	04/30/2008		M	5,000	06/01/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	06/01/2014	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ROY J STAPLETON  
350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Stapleton Roy, pursuant to a power of attorney

05/01/2008

\*\*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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 8,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(2) 50% exercisable on the date indicated and on the next anniversary thereof.

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

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