

RANKIN B M JR
 Form 4
 December 26, 2002
 FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Rankin, Jr. B. M.		Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director or Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (specify title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
				12/20/02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
300 Crescent Court, Suite 1380			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)						
Dallas Texas 75201						
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I— Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Acquisition or Disposition of Securities Beneficially Owned or Followed (Instr. 4)
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Month/Day/Year)			(Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	3 and 4	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	Amount	Price

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Class B Common Stock	12/20/02		G	V	600	D			I	By Rankin Interests Limited Partnership
Class B Common Stock	12/20/02		G	V	300	D	667,387		I	By Rankin Interests Limited Partnership

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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FORM 4 (continued)	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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4))
				Code	V			(A)	(D)			

											Shares									

Explanation of Responses:

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Margaret F. Murphy
**Signature of Reporting Person
Margaret F. Murphy, on behalf of
B. M. Rankin, Jr.

12/26/02
Date

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