

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROY J STAPLETON2. 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
FLOOR3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/30/2008____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 100224. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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		
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 ⁽¹⁾	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 ⁽²⁾ 08/01/2013	Common Stock 5,000
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.47	04/30/2008		M	5,000	06/01/2005 ⁽³⁾ 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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