

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR
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FORM 4

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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)
 11/12/2004

____ 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)
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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	11/12/2004		M	3,000 A \$ 11.31	5,596	D	
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		M	3,743 A \$ 13.9734	9,339	D	
Class B Common	11/12/2004		M	5,000 A \$ 18.885	14,339	D	

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Stock								
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		M	1,875	A	\$ 17.5	16,214	D
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	1,500	D	\$ 39.91	14,714	D
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	5,600	D	\$ 39.9	9,114	D
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	1,900	D	\$ 39.88	7,214	D
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	218	D	\$ 39.86	6,996	D
Class B Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	2,400	D	\$ 39.85	4,596	D
Class B Common Stock ⁽⁹⁾	11/12/2004		S	1,500	D	\$ 39.84	3,096	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	\$ 11.31	11/12/2004		M	3,000	01/30/2002 ⁽²⁾	01/30/2011	Class B Common	3,000

Buy) ⁽¹⁾								Stock	
Options (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 13.9734	11/12/2004	M	3,743	01/29/2003 ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2012		Class B Common Stock	3,743
Options (Right to Buy) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 18.885	11/12/2004	M	5,000	02/04/2004 ⁽⁶⁾	02/04/2013		Class B Common Stock	5,000
Options (Right to Buy) ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 17.5	11/12/2004	M	1,875	02/01/2001 ⁽⁸⁾	02/01/2010		Class B Common Stock	1,875

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

Margaret F. Murphy on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney 11/15/2004

__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) Options with limited stock appreciation rights.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) Options with limited stock appreciation rights.
- (4) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (5) Options with limited stock appreciation rights.
- (6) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (7) Options with limited stock appreciation rights.
- (8) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (9) The Reporting Persons Class B Common Stock holdings include 1,427 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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