

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 12, 2005

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

July 12, 2005

(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)

**PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-00082  
(Commission File  
Number)

13-1808503  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004  
(Address and of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

(602) 366-8100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 12, 2005, Phelps Dodge Corporation ( Phelps Dodge ) issued a press release announcing that it had commenced a tender offer approximately for all its outstanding 8-3/4% notes due in 2011. \$384 million of Phelps Dodge s 8-3/4% notes is currently outstanding.

A copy of the press release issued by Phelps Dodge on July 12, 2005 is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

*(c) Exhibits*

Exhibit 99.1: Press release of Phelps Dodge Corporation, dated July 12, 2005, announcing the commencement of tender offer for \$384 million of its debt securities.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 12, 2005

PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Stanton K. Rideout  
Name: Stanton K. Rideout  
Title: Vice President and Treasurer  
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