

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 *
MOFFETT JAMES R

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)
07/26/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class B Common Stock					1,479,007	I	By Limited Liability Company
Class B Common Stock					22,100 ⁽³⁾	I	By 401(k) plan
Class B Common Stock					7,552 ⁽⁴⁾	I	By Spouse

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)	Amount of Number of Shares
Forward Sale Contract (right/obligation to sell)	<u>(1)</u>	07/26/2005		J(1)(2)	1	<u>(1)</u> <u>(1)(2)</u>	Class B Common Stock	300,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOFFETT JAMES R 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	X		Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Cynthia M. Molyneux, on behalf of James R. Moffett pursuant to a power of attorney

07/27/2005

__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).

On July 26, 2005, Moffett Holdings, L.L.C. (the "LLC") entered into a forward sale contract with a securities broker pursuant to which the LLC agreed to sell 300,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to the securities broker on February 15, 2011 (the "Maturity Date") with the sale price to be determined and paid on the Maturity Date as follows: if the closing sale price of a share of Class B Common Stock on the Maturity Date is \$31.5643 or less, the sale price will be \$31.5643 per share; if the closing sale price of a share of Class B Common Stock on the Maturity Date is \$49.3587 or more, the sale price will be \$49.3587 per share; if the closing sale price of a share of Class B Common Stock on the Maturity Date is between \$31.5643 and \$49.3587, the per share sale price will be the closing sale price on the Maturity Date. The LLC may instead elect to settle the contract in cash and retain ownership of the 300,000 shares.

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- The LLC has pledged 300,000 shares of the Class B Common Stock to secure its obligations under the contract. The LLC will continue
- (2) to hold beneficial ownership, and have voting rights and the right to receive quarterly dividend payments of \$.25 per share with respect to the shares for the term of the contract.
 - (3) Based on plan statement as of June 30, 2005.
 - (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person's beneficial ownership also includes options to acquire a total of 2,829,654 shares of Class B Common S

930,000 of which are vested and 1,899,654 of which are unvested.

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