

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 ADKERSON RICHARD C

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)
 08/03/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	08/03/2005		M		308,855	A	\$ 13.9734
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005		F ⁽¹⁾		188,287	D	\$ 41.645
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005		S		7,100	D	\$ 41.6
Class B Common	08/03/2005		S		300	D	\$ 41.57

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Stock							
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 41.56	761,435	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	600	D	\$ 41.55	760,835	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	200	D	\$ 41.51	760,635	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	5,200	D	\$ 41.5	755,435	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	600	D	\$ 41.44	754,835	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	100	D	\$ 41.43	754,735	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 41.4	752,735	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	700	D	\$ 41.38	752,035	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 41.37	749,735	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	4,800	D	\$ 41.36	744,935	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	5,900	D	\$ 41.35	739,035	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	2,300	D	\$ 41.34	736,735	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 41.33	734,235	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	6,000	D	\$ 41.32	728,235	D

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Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	6,600	D	\$ 41.31	721,635	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	18,800	D	\$ 41.3	702,835	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	9,300	D	\$ 41.29	693,535	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	5,500	D	\$ 41.28	688,035	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	5,400	D	\$ 41.27	682,635	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	4,700	D	\$ 41.26	677,935	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	800	D	\$ 41.25	677,135	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	700	D	\$ 41.24	676,435	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 41.23	675,435	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	3,200	D	\$ 41.22	672,235	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	3,900	D	\$ 41.21	668,335	D
Class B Common Stock	08/03/2005	S	6,400	D	\$ 41.2	661,935	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)

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3)
Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 13.9734	08/03/2005		M	308,855	01/29/2003 ⁽³⁾ 01/29/2012	Class Common Stock
Forward Sale Contract (right/obligation to sell)	⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	08/04/2005		J ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	1	⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Class Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADKERSON RICHARD C 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			President and CEO	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson pursuant to a power of attorney 08/05/2005

__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).

- (1) Shares withheld and delivered in payment of the exercise price of options and resulting taxes.
- (2) Options with limited stock appreciation rights.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(4) On August 4, 2005, the Reporting Person entered into a forward sale contract with a securities broker pursuant to which the Reporting Person agreed to sell up to 250,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to the securities broker for \$41.836 per share on August 4, 2010 (the "Maturity Date"), with the exact number of shares to be delivered on the Maturity Date determined as set forth below: (continued in footnote 5)

- If the closing price of a share of Class B Common Stock on the Maturity Date is less than \$31.38, the Reporting Person will deliver 250,000 shares; if the closing price of a share of Class B Common Stock on the Maturity Date is greater than \$31.38, but less than \$56.90, the Reporting Person will deliver the number of shares resulting from multiplying 250,000 by a fraction, the numerator of which is \$31.38 and the denominator of which is the closing price on the Maturity Date; and if the closing price on the Maturity Date is greater than \$56.90, the Reporting Person will deliver the number of shares resulting from multiplying 250,000 by a fraction, the numerator of which is \$31.38 plus (the closing price on the Maturity Date minus \$56.90) and the denominator of which is the closing price on the Maturity Date. (continued in footnote 6)

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- (6) The Reporting Person may instead elect to settle this contract in cash and retain ownership of the 250,000 shares. The Reporting Person has pledged 250,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to secure its obligations under the contract. The Reporting Person will continue 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.

Remarks:

1 of 2 Forms 4 filed August 5, 2005 to report transactions occurring on August 3, 2005 and August 4, 2005.

See second Form 4 for the remainder of the reported transactions.

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