

JOHNSTON J BENNETT  
 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 \*  
 JOHNSTON J BENNETT

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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Advisory Director

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1330 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,  
 NW, SUITE 480  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/01/2011

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. 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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 04/01/2011                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               | 315   | A   | \$   | 55.55                             |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 132,425                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                   |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other             |
| JOHNSTON J BENNETT<br>1330 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW<br>SUITE 480<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20036 |               |           |         | Advisory Director |

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Bennett Johnston, pursuant to a power of attorney 04/05/2011

\*\*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) On February 1, 2011, the Issuer effected a two-for-one stock split, thus the referenced share amounts reflect the post-split adjustments to shares previously held. Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 27,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
  - (2) Represents shares acquired pursuant to the Reporting Person's previous election to receive shares of common stock in lieu of cash for some or all of his annual retainer fee.

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