MCCOY DUSTAN E

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCCOY DUSTAN E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle)	3. Date of (Month/Da	Earliest Transaction ny/Year)				Director Officer (giv		% Owner her (specify	
333 NORTH	06/01/2012					below)	below)				
				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
PHOENIX,						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
(Instr. 3) any		on Date, if					Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
		•	Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		(Wionui)	(msu. 6) (msu. 3, 4 and 3)		3)	Following					
						(A)		Reported			
						or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
~				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(mstr. 5 and 1)			
Common Stock (1)	06/01/2012			A(2)	2,000	A	\$0	22,000	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Options (right to buy)	\$ 32.07	06/01/2012		A	10,000	06/01/2013(3)	06/01/2022	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCOY DUSTAN E 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of Dustan E. McCoy pursuant to a power of attorney

06/05/2012

**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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 13,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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