DAY ROBERT Form 4 July 25, 2012

### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAY ROBERT	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)  865 SOUTH FIGUEROA ST., STE. 1800	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2012	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specification)		
(Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90017	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		

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of		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)
Common Stock					(-,		42,000	I	Held through Spouse
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M	13,112	A	\$ 7.5975	1,295,112	D	
Common Stock	07/24/2012		M	20,000	A	\$ 7.5975	1,315,112	D	
Common Stock (2)	07/24/2012		D	13,112	D	\$ 31.68	1,302,000	D	

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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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ative Expiration Date ities (Month/Day/Year) ired (A) sposed of  3, 4,		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 7.5975	07/24/2012		M	13,112	08/01/2003(1)	08/01/2012	Common Stock	1:
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.5975	07/24/2012		M	20,000	08/01/2003(1)	08/01/2012	Common Stock	2

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAY ROBERT 865 SOUTH FIGUEROA ST., STE. 1800 LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

### **Signatures**

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Robert A. Day pursuant to a power of attorney

07/25/2012

\*\*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) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (2) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 6,500 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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