

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
FCX Investment Ltd.

\$603,750,000  
81/4% Convertible Senior Notes due 2006

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
42,220,280 Shares of Class A Common Stock  
42,220,280 Shares of Class B Common Stock

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This prospectus supplement relates to the resale by the selling securityholders listed below of 81/4% Convertible Senior Notes due 2006 of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, FCX Investment Ltd., and the shares of class A or class B common stock of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. issuable upon the conversion of the notes. You should read this prospectus supplement together with the prospectus dated March 12, 2002, and the prospectus supplement No. 1 dated April 15, 2002, which are to be delivered with this prospectus supplement.

The table below (1) sets forth additional and updated information with respect to the principal amount of notes owned by each selling securityholder, and the shares of common stock into which such notes are convertible, that may be offered under the prospectus and the prospectus supplements by the selling securityholders; and (2) supplements and, to the extent inconsistent with, amends both the table appearing in the section entitled "Selling Securityholders" beginning on page 43 of the prospectus and the table set forth in prospectus supplement No. 1. To the extent a selling securityholder is listed both in the table below and in either or both the table appearing in the prospectus and the table appearing in prospectus supplement No. 1, the information set forth below regarding that selling securityholder supercedes the information set forth in either or both the prospectus and the prospectus supplement No. 1.

The information is based on information provided by or on behalf of the selling securityholders. The selling securityholders identified below may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or a portion of their notes or common stock since the date on which they provided the information regarding their notes or common stock in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. Because the selling securityholders may offer all or some portion of the notes or the common stock to be offered by them, we cannot estimate the amount of any sales.

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| Name of Selling Securityholder                             | Principal Amount of Notes Owned and Offered | Percentage of Notes Outstanding | Number of Shares of Common Stock That May Be Sold (1) |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---|
| American International Group- VC I Value Fund              | \$ 5,000                                    | *                               | 349   |
| American Samoa Government                                  | 42,000                                      | *                               | 2,937   |
| BP Amoco PLC Master Trust                                  | 1,552,000                                   | *                               | 108,531   |
| EQ/Putnam Growth & Income Portfolio                        | 274,000                                     | *                               | 19,160  |
| Estate of James Campbell, The                              | 262,000                                     | *                               | 18,321  |
| Hotel Union & Hotel Industry of Hawaii Pension Plan        | 451,000                                     | *                               | 31,538  |
| James Campbell Corporation, The                            | 351,000                                     | *                               | 24,545  |
| Jefferies and Company Inc.                                 | 10,000                                      | *                               | 699   |
| Lincoln National Global Asset Allocation Fund, Inc.        | 245,000                                     | *                               | 17,132  |
| Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. U.S. Retirement Plan      | 150,000                                     | *                               | 10,489  |
| Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc.                   | 11,312,000                                  | 1.87%                           | 791,048   |
| Pacific Life Funds-Equity Income                           | 10,000                                      | *                               | 699   |
| Pacific Select Funds-Equity Income                         | 25,000                                      | *                               | 1,748   |
| Penn Series Funds, Inc. - Large Cap Value Fund             | 240,000                                     | *                               | 16,783  |
| Putnam Asset Allocation Funds-Balanced Portfolio           | 2,010,000                                   | *                               | 140,559   |
| Putnam Asset Allocation Funds-Conservative Portfolio       | 1,350,000                                   | *                               | 94,405  |
| Putnam Asset Allocation Funds-Growth Portfolio             | 180,000                                     | *                               | 12,587  |
| Putnam Convertible Income-Growth Trust                     | 11,700,000                                  | 1.94%                           | 818,181   |
| Putnam Convertible Opportunities and Income Trust          | 435,000                                     | *                               | 30,419  |
| Putnam Equity Income Fund                                  | 1,700,000                                   | *                               | 118,881   |
| Putnam Fund for Growth and Income, The                     | 14,298,000                                  | 2.37%                           | 999,860   |
| Putnam Global Natural Resources Fund                       | 3,300,000                                   | *                               | 230,769   |
| Putnam Growth and Income (U.S. Value Equity) Fund (Dublin) | 105,000                                     | *                               | 7,342   |
| Putnam Large Cap Value Trust                               | 40,000                                      | *                               | 2,797   |
| Putnam Variable Trust- Putnam Global Asset Allocation Fund | 495,000                                     | *                               | 34,615  |
| Putnam Variable Trust- Putnam VT Growth & Income Fund      | 3,610,000                                   | *                               | 252,447   |

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| Quattro Fund Ltd.   | 2,500,000 | * | 174,825 |
| Viacom Inc. Pension Plan<br>Master Trust                          | 45,000    | * | 3,146   |
| Zurich Institutional<br>Benchmarks Master Fund Ltd.               | 2,227,000 | * | 155,734 |
| Zurich Institutional<br>Benchmarks Master Fund c/o<br>Quatro Fund | 2,500,000 | * | 174,825 |

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\* Less than 1%

- (1) The notes are convertible into shares of class A or class B common stock at a conversion price (subject to adjustment) of \$14.30 per share.

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Investing in the notes involves significant risks that are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 10 of the prospectus.

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or passed on the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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The date of this Prospectus Supplement is April 29, 2002.