

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 8-K

July 14, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2004

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

Delaware

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74-2480931

(State or other

(Commission

(IRS Employer

jurisdiction of

File Number)

Identification

incorporation or

Number)

organization)

1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated July 14, 2004, reporting additional successful drilling results at its Deep MLZ underground exploration target and an update of Grasberg open pit operations (see exhibit 99).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

By: \s\ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

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C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

Vice President and Controller -

Financial Reporting

(authorized signatory and

Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: July 14, 2004

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

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Exhibit

Number

99 Press release dated July 14, 2004, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Updates Exploration Activities at Deep MLZ and Grasberg Open Pit Operations.