

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 8-K

September 13, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
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): September 13, 2005

**Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-9916**

(Commission File Number)

**74-2480931**

(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**1615 Poydras Street**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**70112**

(Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. issued a press release, dated September 13, 2005, updating its third quarter 2005 operations (see exhibit 99.1).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The Exhibits included as part of this Current Report are listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

By: /s/ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
Vice President and Controller-  
Financial Reporting  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: September 13, 2005

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated September 13, 2005, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Updates Third Quarter 2005 Operations.