

WHISLER J STEVEN  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 WHISLER J STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/31/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

PHOENIX, AZ 85004  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON SHARES	01/31/2006		A	(1)	\$ 0	D	
					14,000		

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase	\$ 157.99	01/31/2006		A	23,000 (2)	(3) 02/01/2016	COMMON SHARES 23,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHISLER J STEVEN C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for J. Steven Whisler  
Date: 02/02/2006

\_\_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) AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
  - (2) GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS PURSUANT TO TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
  - (3) THE OPTIONS WILL VEST IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS COMMENCING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT DATE.

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