

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2006

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event  
reported): January 31, 2006**

**Phelps Dodge Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

001-00082

13-1808503

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4414

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

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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 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 31, 2006, Phelps Dodge Corporation issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

*(c) Exhibits*

Exhibit 99.1: Press release of Phelps Dodge Corporation dated January 31, 2006, announcing financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2005.

SIGNATURES

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.

Phelps Dodge Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: January 31, 2006

By: /s/ Ramiro G. Peru

Name: Ramiro G. Peru

Title: Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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