

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
MOFFETT JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1615 POYDRAS STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | Price | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/21/2007 | | M | | 375,000 | \$ 37.04 | 375,000 D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/21/2007 | | F | | 289,201 | \$ 58.48 | 85,799 D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/21/2007 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 85,799 | \$ 0 | 0 D |
| Class B Common | 02/21/2007 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 85,799 | \$ 0 | 1,229,472 ⁽²⁾ I |
| | | | | | | | By Limited |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| Stock | | | | | | Liability Company |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | 24,705 ⁽³⁾ | I | By 401(k) plan |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | 7,552 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | By Spouse |

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)

| 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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Option (right to buy) | \$ 37.04 | 02/21/2007 | | M | 375,000 | 02/01/2006 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/01/2015 | Class B Common Stock | 375,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MOFFETT JAMES R 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112 | X | | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Cynthia M. Molyneux, on behalf of James R. Moffett pursuant to a power of attorney

02/23/2007

**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) These shares were transferred to Moffett Holdings, L.L.C. and are now reported as indirectly held by the Reporting Person.
- (2) The Reporting Person's beneficial ownership also includes options to acquire a total of 750,000 options, all of which are unvested.
- (3) Based on plan statement as of December 31, 2006.
- (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (5) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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