PHELPS DODGE CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON ROBERT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/19/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	03/19/2007		J		1,085.83	D	(1)	0	D	
Common Shares	03/19/2007		M		4,246.27	A	$ 0	4,246.27	D	
Common Shares	03/19/2007		D		4,246.27	D	$ 548,724.24	0	D	

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(2)	03/19/2007		M			4,246.27	(2)	(2)	Common Shares	4,246.27

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON ROBERT D C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X			

Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert D. Johnson	03/21/2007
**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) Each share disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") between the issuer and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("Freeport") in exchange for .67 shares of Freeport common stock and a cash payment of $88.00.

(2) Each issuer deferred stock unit disposed of in exchange for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a share of issuer common stock on the closing of the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the issuer's Directors Stock Unit Plan, cash payments in respect of deferred stock units are made 30 days after the closing date.

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