JOHNSTON J BENNETT

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSTON J BENNETT

(First)

(Street)

(State)

04/01/2012

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2012

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

1455 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., **N.W., SUITE 200**

(Zip)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WASHINGTON, DC 20004

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price $A^{(2)}$

137,410 D

Stock (1) Common

Common

492 38.04

Spouse's I

Stock

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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				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

JOHNSTON J BENNETT 1455 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W. **SUITE 200** WASHINGTON, DC 20004

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Bennett Johnston, pursuant to a power of attorney

04/03/2012

**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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 28,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- Represents shares acquired pursuant to the Reporting Person's previous election to receive shares of common stock in lieu of cash for **(2)** some or all of his annual retainer fee.

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