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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2010 (February 16, 2010)

#### SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) File No. 1-14066 (Commission File Number) 13-3849074 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

11811 North Tatum Blvd., Suite 2500, Phoenix, AZ 85028 (Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

(602) 494-5328 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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### ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On February 16, 2010, Southern Copper Corporation, or SCC, issued a press release announcing that, on February 11, 2010, a Mexican Federal Labor court ruled that the damages caused to the Cananea mine by the neglect and sabotage of striking workers since the commencement of labor stoppages and strikes in July 2007 resulted in force majeure providing legal basis for the termination of individual and unionized employees by SCC's subsidiary, Mexicana de Cananea, S.A. de C.V. SCC further announced that it expects due compliance of the referred ruling by the relevant federal and state authorities and looks forward to recovering control of the Cananea mine.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Armando Ortega Gómez Name: Armando Ortega Gómez

Title: Vice President, Legal General Counsel, and

Secretary

Date: February 16, 2010

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### **Exhibits**

99.1 Press release of Southern Copper Corporation dated as of February 16, 2010.

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