

ADKERSON RICHARD C  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 ADKERSON RICHARD C

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)  
 02/03/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Class B Common Stock	02/03/2006		F(1)	24,067	D	\$ 61.955	896,178	D	
Class B Common Stock	02/04/2006		F(2)	3,755	D	\$ 61.955	892,423 (3)	D	
Class B Common Stock							8,777	I	By IRA
Class B Common							2,704 (4)	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: ADKERSON RICHARD C, 1615 POYDRAS STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112, President and CEO.

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson pursuant to a power of attorney, 02/07/2006. \*\*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) Shares withheld in payment of taxes due upon the vesting of 58,343 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
(2) Shares withheld in payment of taxes due upon the vesting of 9,101 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
Following the reported transactions, the Reporting Person's direct beneficial ownership includes 412,804 Class B Common Stock
(3) Restricted Stock Units. The Reporting Person also holds options to acquire a total of 1,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, 250,000 of which are vested.

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(4) Based on plan statement as of December 31, 2005.

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