

ADKERSON RICHARD C  
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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 \*  
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)  
12/10/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	
Common Stock	12/10/2007		M		250,000	A \$ 37.04	1,448,721 D
Common Stock	12/10/2007		F <sup>(1)</sup>		152,987	D \$ 108.18	1,295,734 D
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S		1,500	D \$ 109.78	1,294,234 D
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S		100	D \$ 109.76	1,294,134 D
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S		100	D \$ 109.75	1,294,034 D

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Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	400	D	\$ 109.74	1,293,634	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	700	D	\$ 109.72	1,292,934	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	643	D	\$ 109.71	1,292,291	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	26,782	D	\$ 109.7	1,265,509	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	1,900	D	\$ 109.68	1,263,609	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	900	D	\$ 109.67	1,262,709	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	2,100	D	\$ 109.66	1,260,609	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	3,975	D	\$ 109.65	1,256,634	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	105	D	\$ 109.64	1,256,529	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	2,600	D	\$ 109.63	1,253,929	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	10,900	D	\$ 109.62	1,243,029	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	5,400	D	\$ 109.61	1,237,629	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	400	D	\$ 109.6	1,237,229	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	1,995	D	\$ 109.59	1,235,234	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	100	D	\$ 109.58	1,235,134	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	3,100	D	\$ 109.57	1,232,034	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	1,800	D	\$ 109.56	1,230,234	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	800	D	\$ 109.55	1,229,434	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	1,900	D	\$ 109.54	1,227,534	D
Common Stock	12/10/2007	S	4,400	D	\$ 109.53	1,223,134	D
	12/10/2007	S	800	D		1,222,334	D

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Common Stock					\$			
					109.52			
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S	3,500	D	\$	1,218,834	D
						109.51		
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S	3,100	D	\$	1,215,734	D
						109.5		
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S	400	D	\$	1,215,334	D
						108.84		
Common Stock	12/10/2007		S	1,000	D	\$	1,214,334 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
						108.83		

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 Number Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.04	12/10/2007		M	250,000	02/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/01/2015	Common Stock 250,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADKERSON RICHARD C 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson pursuant to a power of attorney

12/11/2007

\_\_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) Shares delivered and withheld in payment of the exercise price of options and the resulting taxes.
- (2) 1 of 2 Forms 4 filed December 11, 2007 to report transactions occurring on December 10, 2007. See other Form 4 for remainder of reported transactions.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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