

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
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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 *
MOFFETT JAMES R

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)
05/13/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2008 | | M | | 375,000 | A | \$ 72.92 548,505 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2008 | | F | | 286,001 | D | \$ 117.36 262,504 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 88,999 | D | \$ 0 173,505 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 88,999 | A | \$ 0 1,364,851 | I | By LLC |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 7,552 ⁽²⁾ | I | By Spouse |

Common Stock 25,206 ⁽³⁾ I By 401(k) plan

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 of Shares |
| Options (right to buy) | \$ 72.92 | 05/13/2008 | | M | 375,000 | 05/11/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/11/2017 | Common Stock | 375,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MOFFETT JAMES R 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112 | X | | Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

Cynthia M. Molyneux, on behalf of James R. Moffett pursuant to a power of attorney

05/15/2008

**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) These shares were transferred to Moffett Holdings, L.L.C. and are now reported as indirectly held by the Reporting Person.
- (2) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (3) Based on plan statement as of March 31, 2008.
- (4) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person's beneficial ownership also includes options to acquire a total of 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock, all of which are unvested, and a total of 173,505 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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