

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
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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 \*  
 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  
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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 or 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 <sup>(1)</sup>		88,999 D \$ 0	173,505	D
Common Stock	05/13/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		88,999 A \$ 0	1,364,851	I By LLC
Common Stock						7,552 <sup>(2)</sup>	I By Spouse

Common Stock 25,206 <sup>(3)</sup> 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 <sup>(4)</sup>	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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