

JOHNSTON J BENNETT
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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 *
 JOHNSTON J BENNETT

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)
 1330 CONNECTICUT AVENUE,
 NW, SUITE 480
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/01/2012

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Advisory Director

WASHINGTON, DC 20036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock					95	I	Spouse's IRA
Common Stock					5,607	I	IRAs
Common Stock					60,620	I	By Spouse
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/01/2012		A ⁽²⁾	2,000	A \$ 0	73,203	D

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)
Options (right to buy)	\$ 32.07	06/01/2012		A	10,000	06/01/2013 ⁽³⁾ 06/01/2022	Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSTON J BENNETT 1330 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW SUITE 480 WASHINGTON, DC 20036				Advisory Director

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Bennett Johnston, pursuant to a power of attorney 06/05/2012

**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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 29,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person's holdings have been updated since the last Form 4 to reflect the nature of his ownership of the Issuer's securities.
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