

FORD GERALD J
Form 4
July 12, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FORD GERALD J

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)
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE
1350

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/11/2012

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

(Street)
DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock					20,000	I		By Self as Trustee of Trust
Common Stock	07/11/2012		M		20,000	A	\$ 7.5975	109,753 D
Common Stock	07/11/2012		M		13,112	A	\$ 7.5975	122,865 D
Common Stock ⁽²⁾	07/11/2012		D		13,112	D	\$ 32.36	109,753 D

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.5975	07/11/2012		M		20,000		08/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2012	Common Stock	20,000
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 7.5975	07/11/2012		M		13,112		08/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2012	Common Stock	13,112

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201				
Signatures				
Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Gerald J. Ford, pursuant to a power of attorney				07/12/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person				Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(2) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 6,500 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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