

PHELPS DODGE CORP

Form 4

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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 *
SNIDER TIMOTHY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PHELPS DODGE
CORPORATION, ONE NORTH
CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Shares ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2007		M		4,733	A	\$ 78.995	114,673	D
Common Shares ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2007		S		4,733	D	\$ 126.466	109,940	D
Common Shares ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2007		M		10,000	A	\$ 48.095	119,940	D
Common Shares ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2007		S		10,000	D	\$ 126.466	109,940	D
Common Shares ⁽¹⁾	03/12/2007		M		7,000	A	\$ 37.305	116,940	D

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Common Shares (1) 03/12/2007 S 7,000 D \$ 126.466 109,940 (2) 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 78.995	03/12/2007		M	4,733	<u>(3)</u> 02/01/2016	Common Shares 4,733
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.095	03/12/2007		M	10,000	<u>(4)</u> 02/02/2015	Common Shares 10,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.305	03/12/2007		M	7,000	<u>(5)</u> 02/04/2014	Common Shares 7,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SNIDER TIMOTHY R
C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

President and COO

Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy R.
Snider

03/14/2007

____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) Exercise of stock options and same-day sale of underlying Common Shares pursuant to the Phelps Dodge 2003 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.
Includes shares of common stock acquired within the Phelps Dodge Employee Savings Plan (401(k) Plan). The Plan provides for the
(2) purchase of fractional shares. The number reported is the nearest whole number. Also includes shares inadvertently omitted due to an arithmetic error.
- (3) The option vests in three substantially equal annual installments on January 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments on February 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (5) The option vests in three equal annual installments on February 3, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

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