

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
QUIRK KATHLEEN L

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)
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 ____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO & Treasurer

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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	01/28/2008		A ⁽¹⁾		19,929	A	\$ 0	79,287	D	
Common Stock	01/28/2008		A ⁽²⁾		21,981	A	\$ 0	101,268	D	
Common Stock	01/29/2008		A ⁽³⁾		75,000	A	\$ 0	176,268	D	
Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2008		F ⁽⁵⁾		6,149	D	\$ 86.25	170,119	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
QUIRK KATHLEEN L ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004			EVP, CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Kathleen L. Quirk pursuant to a power of attorney 01/30/2008

__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) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units received as part of the Reporting Person's annual incentive bonus.
- (2) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units received pursuant to the Reporting Person's election to receive a percentage of her annual cash bonus in restricted stock units.
- (3) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units received by the Reporting Person in connection with the execution of an employment agreement with the Issuer effective January 29, 2008.
- (4) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 137,931 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (5) Shares withheld to cover taxes due upon vesting of 15,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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