

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR
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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 *
WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

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)
333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/04/2010

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP & Controller Financial Rptg

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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					762 ⁽¹⁾	I	Through 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 63.765	D	
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 56.5	D	
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M		5,000 A \$ 67.36	D	
Common Stock	11/04/2010		M		7,500 A \$ 85.3	D	

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Common Stock	11/04/2010	M	8,750	A	\$ 24.59	60,616	D
Common Stock <u>(7)</u>	11/04/2010	S	31,250	D	\$ 100	29,366	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 63.765	11/04/2010		M	5,000	01/31/2007 ⁽²⁾ 01/31/2016	Common Stock	5,000
Options (right to buy)	\$ 56.5	11/04/2010		M	5,000	01/30/2008 ⁽³⁾ 01/30/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 67.36	11/04/2010		M	5,000	05/01/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 05/01/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Options (right to buy)	\$ 85.3	11/04/2010		M	7,500	01/28/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/28/2018	Common Stock	7,500
Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.59	11/04/2010		M	8,750	02/02/2010 ⁽⁶⁾ 02/02/2019	Common Stock	8,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR
333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

VP & Controller Financial Rptg

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney

11/05/2010

 **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) Based on plan statement as of October 31, 2010.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (4) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (5) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (6) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (7) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 13,500 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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