

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR  
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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 \*  
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)  
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/05/2008

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

PHEONIZ, AZ 85004  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/05/2008		M		10,000 A \$ 63.765	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2008		M		5,000 A \$ 56.5	D	
Common Stock	05/05/2008		M		5,000 A \$ 67.36	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	05/05/2008		S		20,000 D \$ 115	D	
Common Stock					728 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Through 401(k) Plan



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(2) Based on plan statement as of March 31, 2008.

(3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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