

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
March 19, 2007

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 19, 2007**

**FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-9916**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**74-2480931**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

**1615 Poydras Street**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**70112**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated March 19, 2007, announcing that it has commenced a public offering of approximately 35 million shares of common stock. FCX also announced today that it has concurrently commenced a public offering of 10 million shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock for \$100.00 per share. FCX intends to use the net proceeds from these offerings to repay indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisition of Phelps Dodge Corporation. See Exhibit 99.1

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

By: /s/ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
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C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
Vice President and Controller -  
Financial Reporting  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: March 19, 2007

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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99.1 Press release dated March 19, 2007, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Announces Commencement of Public Offering of Common Stock and Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock."