

WHARTON J TAYLOR
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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 *
WHARTON J TAYLOR

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)
1515 HOLCOMBE BLVD., ROOM R2.2551
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/02/2006

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77030

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 420 | I | By IRA for Self |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 26,937 | I | By Spouse |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | 160 | I | By IRA for Spouse |
| Class B | | | | | 2,889 | I | As |

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|----------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-----------|--------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | Custodian for Daughter |
| Class B Common Stock | | | | | | 2,200 | I | As Custodian of Daughter |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 9.0938 | 24,628 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 11.165 | 34,628 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 7,500 | A | \$ 15.195 | 42,128 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 4,917 | A | \$ 15.195 | 47,045 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 6,556 | A | \$ 11.165 | 53,601 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | M | 6,556 | A | \$ 9.0938 | 60,157 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 9,500 | D | \$ 64.5 | 50,657 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 64.49 | 49,057 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 64.48 | 47,957 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 64.47 | 47,457 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 64.46 | 46,357 | D | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 64.45 | 46,157 | D | |
| | 02/02/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 64.44 | 46,057 | D | |

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| Class B Common Stock | | | | | | | |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 64.43 | 45,057 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 64.42 | 44,757 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 64.4 | 44,257 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 64.39 | 44,157 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 64.37 | 44,057 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 64.31 | 43,057 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 64.19 | 42,957 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 5,100 | D | \$ 64.18 | 37,857 | D |
| Class B Common Stock | 02/02/2006 | S | 5,200 | D | \$ 64.1 | 32,657 | D |
| Class B Common Stock ⁽⁷⁾ | 02/02/2006 | D | 18,029 | D | \$ 63.26 | 14,628 | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|--------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.0938 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 10,000 | | 08/01/2001 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/01/2010 | Class B Common Stock | 10 | |
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.165 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 10,000 | | 08/01/2002 ⁽²⁾ | 08/01/2011 | Class B Common Stock | 10 | |
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.195 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 7,500 | | 08/01/2003 ⁽³⁾ | 08/01/2012 | Class B Common Stock | 7 | |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 15.195 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 4,917 | | 08/01/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ | 08/01/2012 | Class B Common Stock | 4 | |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 11.165 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 6,556 | | 08/01/2002 ⁽⁵⁾ | 08/01/2011 | Class B Common Stock | 6 | |
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 9.0938 | 02/02/2006 | M | | 6,556 | | 08/01/2001 ⁽⁶⁾ | 08/01/2010 | Class B Common Stock | 6 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WHARTON J TAYLOR
1515 HOLCOMBE BLVD., ROOM R2.2551
HOUSTON, TX 77030

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Taylor Wharton, pursuant to a power of attorney

02/03/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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- (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 3,500 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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