

WHARTON J TAYLOR  
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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 \*  
 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)  
 1001 FANNIN ST., SUITE 777  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/01/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Advisory Director

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					840	I	By IRA for Self
Common Stock					53,874	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					320	I	By IRA for Spouse
Common Stock					5,778	I	As Custodian for Daughter
					4,400	I	

Common Stock								As Custodian of Daughter
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	06/01/2012		A <sup>(2)</sup>	2,000	A	\$ 0	53,256	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 32.07	06/01/2012		A	10,000	06/01/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	06/01/2022			Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
WHARTON J TAYLOR 1001 FANNIN ST., SUITE 777 HOUSTON, TX 77002	Director 10% Owner Officer Other  Advisory Director

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Taylor Wharton, pursuant to a power of attorney 06/05/2012

\*\*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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 19,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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(2) Represents a grant of Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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

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