

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2012

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): January 19, 2012

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

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 001-11307-01<br>(Commission File Number) | 74-2480931<br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>Number) |
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| 333 North Central Avenue<br>Phoenix, AZ<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 85004-2189<br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated January 19, 2012, announcing its fourth-quarter and year ended December 31, 2011, results and referencing supplementary schedules (see exhibit 99.1) and presented slides on its website that accompanied its January 19, 2012, earnings conference call (see exhibit 99.2).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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

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: January 19, 2012

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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- 99.1 Press release dated January 19, 2012, titled “Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Year Ended December 31, 2011 Results” and supplementary schedules.
- 99.2 Slides presented in conjunction with January 19, 2012, FCX fourth-quarter 2011 earnings conference call conducted via the internet.