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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement US ENERGY CORP [USEG] **FREEPORT-MCMORAN** (Month/Day/Year) **INC** 02/11/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVE. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director __X__ 10% Owner Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person PHOENIX, AZÂ 85004 (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

(Instr. 5)

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock \hat{A} $\stackrel{(1)}{=}$ $\stackrel{(1)}{=}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh	iips	
, G	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FREEPORT-MCMORAN INC 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVE. PHOENIX, AZ 85004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
Mt. Emmons Mining Co 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVE. PHOENIX, AZ 85004	Â	ÂX	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Arnold, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Freeport-McMoRan Inc.

02/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Michael J. Arnold, Executive Vice President, Mt. Emmons Mining Company

02/19/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - On February 11, 2016, Mt. Emmons Mining Company, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan Inc., purchased 50,000 shares of the Issuer's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"). The Preferred Stock is convertible at any time,
- (1) at the holder's election, into 4,000,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock, and has no expiration date. This initial conversion rate shall be adjusted each quarter to reflect accrued dividends, provided that the Preferred Stock shall not be converted into more than a maximum of 4,760,095 shares of the Issuer's common stock, subject to applicable anti-dilution adjustments.

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