QUIRK KATHLEEN L

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * QUIRK KATHLEEN L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify		
1615 POYDRAS STREET	(Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2005	below) SVP, CFO & Treasurer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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Person

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	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)
Class B Common Stock	12/02/2005		Code V M	Amount 18,750	(D)	Price \$ 36.765	44,109	D	
Class B Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	4,400	D	\$ 53.87	39,709	D	
Class B Common Stock	12/02/2005		S	100	D	\$ 53.86	39,609	D	
Class B Common	12/02/2005		S	1,200	D	\$ 53.85	38,409	D	

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Stock

Class B

Common 12/02/2005 S 13,050 D \$53.84 25,359 D

Stock (2)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Expiration Date Underlying Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.765	12/02/2005		M	18,750	02/03/2005(1)	02/03/2014	Class B Common Stock	18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
QUIRK KATHLEEN L 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112			SVP, CFO & Treasurer				

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Kathleen L. Quirk pursuant to a power of attorney

12/05/2005

**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) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (2) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 7,929 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

Reporting Owners 2

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