

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Mahler Armando</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1615 POYDRAS STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW ORLEANS,Â LAÂ 70112</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>06/23/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]</p> <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) President Dir. of Subsidiary</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class B Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	8,074	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Options (Right to Buy)	02/01/2006 ⁽²⁾	02/01/2015	Class B Common Stock	22,500	\$ 37.04	D	Â
Options (Right to Buy)	02/03/2005 ⁽³⁾	02/03/2014	Class B Common Stock	10,000	\$ 36.765	D	Â
Options (right to buy)	01/31/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	01/31/2016	Class B Common Stock	40,000	\$ 63.765	D	Â
Options (Right to Buy)	02/04/2004 ⁽⁵⁾	02/04/2013	Class B Common Stock	3,750	\$ 18.885	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mahler Armando 1615 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	Â	Â	Â President Dir. of Subsidiary	Â

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of Armando Mahler pursuant to a Power of Attorney

07/03/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 includes 7,264 Class B Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Initial grant exercisable in installments, 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) Initial grant exercisable in installments, 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (4) Initial grant exercisable in installments, 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (5) Initial grant exercisable in installments, 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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