

WHITMIRE C DONALD JR
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FORM 4

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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 *
 WHITMIRE C DONALD JR

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)
 ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/29/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & Controller Financial Rptg

PHEONIZ, AZ 85004
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|---|-----|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | 1,634 | I | Through 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | 5,000 | I | By Spouse, through GRAT |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | 5,000 | I | Through GRAT |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2012 | | G | V | 600 | D | \$ 0 38,737 | D | |
| | 01/29/2013 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | | 9,000 | A | \$ 0 47,737 | D | |

Common
Stock ⁽³⁾

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | |
| Options (right to buy) | \$ 35.01 | 01/29/2013 | | A | 45,000 | 01/29/2014 ⁽⁵⁾ | 01/29/2023 | Common Stock | 45,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITMIRE C DONALD JR ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHEONIZ, AZ 85004 | | | VP & Controller Financial Rptg | |

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney 01/31/2013

__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) Based on plan statement as of December 31, 2012.

(2) These shares were previously reported as directly held, but were transferred to Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts on 12/24/12.

(3) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 9,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(4) Represents a grant of time vested Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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(5) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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