PHELPS DODGE CORP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Danner Denise R Issuer Symbol PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PHELPS DODGE 05/05/2006 below) CORPORATION, ONE NORTH VP and Controller **CENTRAL AVENUE** (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting PHOENIX, AZ 85004 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) (Instr. 8) Ownership or Indirect Following (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **COMMON**

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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\$ 93.15 12,674

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transactio	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Secu
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			(Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS/RIGHTS TO PURCHASE (1)	\$ 48.095 (3)	05/05/2006		M	866 (3)	<u>(4)</u>	02/02/2015	COMMON SHARES

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Danner Denise R C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

VP and Controller

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for Denise R.
Danner

05/09/2006

**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) EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS AND SAME DAY SALE OF UNDERLYING COMMON SHARES PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN.
- ON MARCH 13, 2006, THE COMMON STOCK OF PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION SPLIT 2-FOR-1, RESULTING IN THE REPORTING PERSON'S OWNERSHIP OF 6,776 ADDITIONAL SHARES OF COMMON STOCK. THIS NUMBER ALSO INCLUDES SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ACQUIRED WITHIN THE PHELPS DODGE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN (401(K) PLAN) AND TO ADJUST FOR AN ARITHMETIC ERROR.
- (3) THIS OPTION WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS COVERING 1,300 SHARES AT AN EXERCISE PRICE OF \$96.19, BUT WAS ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE STOCK SPLIT THAT OCCURRED ON MARCH 13, 2006.
- (4) THE OPTION VESTS IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2006, 2007 AND 2008.

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