

QUIRK KATHLEEN L
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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 *
QUIRK KATHLEEN L

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)
333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO & Treasurer

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (Instr. 8)	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)
				(A) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/06/2012		A ⁽²⁾	34,774 A \$ 0	365,335	D	

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)

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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)
Options (right to buy)	\$ 46.73	02/06/2012		A	110,000	02/06/2013 ⁽³⁾ 02/06/2022	Common Stock 110,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
QUIRK KATHLEEN L 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004			EVP, CFO & Treasurer	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Kathleen L. Quirk pursuant to a power of attorney 02/08/2012

__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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 112,042 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Represents a grant of Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted in connection with the Issuer's annual incentive plan that will vest on February 15, 2015 provided the performance conditions are met as of the vesting date.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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