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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

KRULAK CHARLES C

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/07/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, Â ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner _X_ Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

PHOENIX. AZÂ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Common Shares (1)

0

Â 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KRULAK CHARLES C C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZÂ 85004

X Â Â Â

Signatures

/s/ Catherine R. Hardwick, attorney-in-fact for Charles C. Krulak

12/16/2005

**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) General Charles C. Krulak was elected as a Director of Phelps Dodge Corporation on December 7, 2005. On this date, General Krulak does not own any Phelps Dodge common shares.

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