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IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on June 14, 2012

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual meeting of stockholders are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the proxy materials and vote online or request a copy of the proxy materials. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting of stockholders are on the reverse side of this Notice. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials, which contain important information and are available to you on the Internet or by mail. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy materials, which consist of the proxy statement and annual report to stockholders, are available at:

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Hotel du Pont, 11th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3 below.

1. Election of twelve directors. Nominees are: Richard C. Adkerson, Robert J. Allison, Jr., Robert A. Day, Gerald J. Ford, H. Devon Graham, Jr., Charles C. Krulak, Bobby Lee Lackey, Jon C. Madonna, Dustan E. McCoy, James R. Moffett, B. M. Rankin, Jr., Stephen H. Siegle.
2. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers.
3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote AGAINST Item 4 below.

4. Stockholder proposal regarding the selection of a candidate with environmental expertise to be recommended for election to the Board of Directors.

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Directions to the Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

If you plan to attend our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, you can obtain directions to the Hotel du Pont online at the hotel s website, www.hoteldupont.com/map-directions/index.cfm. The proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed above, along with the recommendations of our Board of Directors.

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