

ROY J STAPLETON
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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 *
ROY J STAPLETON

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)
350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
06/09/2010

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Advisory Director

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 06/09/2010 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 4,000 A \$ 0 | 35,941 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 66.49 | 06/09/2010 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 10,000 | 06/01/2011 ⁽⁴⁾ 06/01/2020 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ROY J STAPLETON 350 PARK AVENUE, 26TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | | Advisory Director |

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of J. Stapleton Roy, pursuant to a power of attorney 06/11/2010

**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 transaction includes 14,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
On each of December 8, 2009 and June 1, 2010, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors (the Committee) granted the Reporting Person 2,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units. These grants were conditioned on stockholder approval of the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the Plan), which approval was received on June 9, 2010 at the Issuer's 2010 annual meeting.
- (2) On June 1, 2010, the Committee granted these options to the Reporting Person subject to approval of the Plan, which approval was received on June 9, 2010.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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