FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC Form 8-K May 08, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 8, 2014

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware001-11307-01(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)(Commission File Number)

74-2480931 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

333 North Central AvenuePhoenix, AZ(Address of principal executive offices)

85004-4414 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. issued a press release dated May 8, 2014, announcing that its oil and gas subsidiary, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, has entered into a definitive purchase and sale agreement to acquire certain of Apache Corporation's interests in the Deepwater Gulf of Mexico, including Apache's interests in the Lucius and Heidelberg development projects and 11 exploration leases, for \$1.4 billion. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

By: /s/ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. Vice President and Controller -Financial Reporting (authorized signatory and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 8, 2014

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Exhibit Index

Exhibit

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99.1 Press release dated May 8, 2014, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Announces Agreement to Acquire Deepwater GOM Interests for \$1.4 Billion."