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Form 8-K  
February 18, 2004

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): February 16, 2004

SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-14066

13-3849074

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
organization)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer)  
Identification No.)

2575 East Camelback Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ

85016

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 977-6500

Item 5. Other Events

On February 16, 2004 the Board of Directors of Southern Peru Copper Corporation (the "Company") received a letter from Mr. Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski announcing his resignation as member of the Board of Directors.

The Company expressed its deep gratitude to Mr. Kuczynski for his valuable services and extended its best wishes upon his acceptance of the post as Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Peru.

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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.

SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Armando Ortega

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Its: Vice President-Legal and  
Secretary

Date: February 17, 2004