

QUIRK KATHLEEN L
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FORM 4

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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 *
QUIRK KATHLEEN L

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)
333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2013

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP, CFO & Treasurer

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | Price | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2013 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 100,000 | A \$ 0 | 452,766 D |
| Common Stock | 01/30/2013 | | M | | 15,000 | A \$ 9.4425 | 467,766 D |
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 01/30/2013 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | | 7,511 | D \$ 35.16 | 460,255 D |

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Options (right to buy) | \$ 35.01 | 01/29/2013 | | A | 150,000 | 01/29/2014 ⁽²⁾ 01/29/2023 | Common Stock |
| Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.4425 | 01/30/2013 | | M | 15,000 | 02/04/2005 ⁽²⁾ 02/04/2013 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| QUIRK KATHLEEN L 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | | | EVP, CFO & Treasurer | |

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Kathleen L. Quirk pursuant to a power of attorney

01/31/2013

__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) Represents a grant of Performance Based Restricted Stock Units granted in connection with the Issuer's annual incentive plan that will vest on February 15, 2016 provided the performance conditions are met as of the vesting date.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transaction includes 180,257 Performance Based Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) Shares delivered and withheld in payment of the exercise price of options and resulting taxes.

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