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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 29, 2007 Phelps Dodge Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 001-00082 13-1808503

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4414

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 29, 2007, Phelps Dodge Corporation issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2006. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. ITEM 8.01. OTHER ITEMS

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