

ADKERSON RICHARD C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
ADKERSON RICHARD C

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)  
02/09/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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		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	(A) or (D)				Price
Common Stock	02/09/2012		M		250,000	A	\$ 12.295	2,069,303	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2012		F(1)		141,550	D	\$ 46.42	1,927,753	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2012		S		503,516	D	\$ 46.4953	1,424,237	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2012		G	V	100,000	D	\$ 0	1,324,237	D	
Common Stock								20,330	I	By IRA

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Common Stock 415,844 I Through Trust

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)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.295	02/09/2012		M	250,000	02/02/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/02/2019	Common Stock 250,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADKERSON RICHARD C 333 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson, pursuant to a power of attorney 02/10/2012

\*\*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) Shares delivered and withheld in payment of exercise price of options and resulting taxes.
- (2) The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$46.25 - \$47.23. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

**Remarks:**

Following the reported transactions, Mr. Adkerson's beneficial ownership includes 970,632 shares of Common Stock and 353,

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