

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2006

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**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): October 17, 2006**

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

**Delaware**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-9916**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**74-2480931**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

**1615 Poydras Street**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**70112**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

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

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated October 17, 2006, announcing its third-quarter and nine-month 2006 results (see exhibit 99.1) and presented slides on its web site that accompanied its October 17, 2006, earnings conference call (see exhibit 99.2).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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

SIGNATURE

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

Date: October 17, 2006

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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- 99.1 Press release dated October 17, 2006, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Reports Third-Quarter and Nine-Month 2006 Results."
- 99.2 Slides presented in conjunction with October 17, 2006, FCX third-quarter 2006 earnings conference call conducted via the internet.
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