WHISLER J STEVEN

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WHISLER J STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

(Check all applicable)

C/O PHELPS DODGE

(State)

CORPORATION, ONE NORTH **CENTRAL AVENUE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2005

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

CEO & Chairman of the Board

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3 (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if T any C (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)			ed of (land :	` ′	Securities C Beneficially F Owned D Following o Reported (I	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Commo Shares	01/31/2005		M	75,000	A	\$ 34.67	250,109	D	
Commo	01/31/2005		S	75,000	D	\$ 96.7377	175,109	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option/ Right to Purchase	\$ 34.67	01/31/2005		M	75,000	(2)	12/05/2011	Common Shares	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of the Fundament	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WHISLER J STEVEN C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X		CEO & Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for J. Steven
Whisler

02/01/2005

**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) Exercise of stock options and same day sale of underlying common shares pursuant to the Phelps Dodge Corporation 1998 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.
- (2) The option vested in three equal annual installments on December 4, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

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