WHISLER J STEVEN

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle)

C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2006

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

below)

Chairman and CEO

CENTRAL AVENUE (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

or

\$0

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

COMMON 01/31/2006 **SHARES**

Code V Amount 14,000 A (1)

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

183,153

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase	\$ 157.99	01/31/2006		A	23,000 (2)	(3)	02/01/2016	COMMON SHARES	23,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WHISLER J STEVEN C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	X		Chairman and CEO			

Signatures

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

02/02/2006

**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).
- AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK
 (1) PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX
 WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
- GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS PURSUANT TO TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK

 (2) PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
- (3) THE OPTIONS WILL VEST IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS COMMENCING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT DATE.

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