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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mailhot Nancy F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

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

below)

(Check all applicable)

C/O PHELPS DODGE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

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

VP-Human Resources

CORPORATION, ONE NORTH **CENTRAL AVENUE**

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(1)

A

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

COMMON SHARES

01/31/2006

Code V Amount Price (D) 2.300

(A)

or

11,688

D

(Instr. 4)

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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase	\$ 157.99	01/31/2006		A	2,200 (2)	(3)	02/01/2016	COMMON SHARES	2,20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mailhot Nancy F

C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004

VP-Human Resources

Signatures

/s/S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for Nancy F.

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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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