

COLTON S DAVID

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COLTON S DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PHELPS DODGE
CORPORATION, ONE NORTH
CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/05/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Sr VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 (Instr. 8)	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 Shares	02/05/2007		F ⁽¹⁾		852	D \$ 122.39	41,175 D
Common Shares	02/06/2007		A		3,000 ⁽²⁾	A \$ 121.845	44,175 ⁽³⁾ 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. 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)
Employee Stock Option/Right to Purchase	\$ 121.845	02/06/2007		A	5,000 (4)	(5) 02/07/2017	Common Shares 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
COLTON S DAVID C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004	Sr VP and General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ S. David
Colton 02/07/2007

**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 withheld to pay state and federal taxes on an award of restricted shares pursuant to the Phelps Dodge 2003 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.
- (2) Award of restricted stock pursuant to the Phelps Dodge 2003 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan and includes the right to have shares withheld to satisfy state and federal tax withholding obligations.
- (3) Includes shares of common stock acquired within the Phelps Dodge Employee Savings Plan (401(k) Plan). The Plan provides for the purchase of fractional shares. The number reported is the nearest whole number.
- (4) Grant of stock options pursuant to the Phelps Dodge 2003 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan and includes the right to have shares withheld to satisfy state and federal tax withholding obligations.
- (5) The options will vest in three substantially equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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