

PHELPS DODGE CORP

Form 4

March 21, 2007

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 *
WHISLER J STEVEN

(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)
03/19/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below) Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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	03/19/2007		F		213,388	D	\$ 129.24
					0		

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 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 48.095	03/19/2007		D		25,000		03/19/2007	02/02/2015	Common Shares	25,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 78.995	03/19/2007		D		30,667		03/19/2007	02/01/2016	Common Shares	30,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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

03/21/2007

____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) Converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of Freeport common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

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