

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RANKIN B M JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 300 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 875  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/30/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock					500,000	I	
							By Rankin Interests Ltd. Partnership
Common Stock	10/30/2008		M		2,500	A	\$ 15.195
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/30/2008		M		5,000	A	\$ 26.975

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.195	10/30/2008		M	2,500	08/01/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/01/2012	Common Stock	2,500
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.975	10/30/2008		M	5,000	08/01/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 08/01/2013	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RANKIN B M JR  
300 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 875  
DALLAS, TX 75201

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of B M Rankin, Jr. pursuant to a power of attorney

10/31/2008

\*\*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) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 5,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

(2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

(3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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