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FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC Form 8-K December 18, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2003

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1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000 |
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| Item 5. Other Events. |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. issued a press release dated December 18, 2003, announcing that it is |
| currently reviewing its near-term mine sequencing at PT Freeport Indonesia s Grasberg open pit operations in Papua, Indonesia following the October 9, 2003 slippage event (see Exhibit 99). |
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| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized. |
| FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC. |
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| By: \s\ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr. |

C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

Vice President and Controller -

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| ress release dated December 18, 2003, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Announces Review of ear-term Mine Sequencing. |