

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
10/31/2008

____ 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)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 | 10/31/2008 | | M | | 3,278 | A | \$ 26.975 |
| Common Stock | 10/31/2008 | | M | | 1,639 | A | \$ 15.195 |
| Common Stock ⁽³⁾ | 10/31/2008 | | D | | 4,917 | D | \$ 29.06 |
| | | | | | 17,000 | D | |

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

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