

ROY J STAPLETON  
 Form 4  
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 FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, DC 20549

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)										
Roy J Stapleton			Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director or Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (specify title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)										
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)									
350 Park Avenue, 26 <sup>th</sup> Floor					08/01/02		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person									
(Street)					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)											
New York New York 10022																
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I— Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any		3. Transaction Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount or Price		6. Ownership of Securities Beneficially Owned or Followed		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			(Month/Day/Year)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Code		Amount or Price (A) or (D)		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	



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Stock Appreciation Rights										Class B Common Stock			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Options with rights to "Option Cancellation Gain" Payments
- 2. 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on the next three anniversaries thereof

<p>** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See</p>	<p>/s/ Margaret F. Murphy **Signature of Reporting Person Margaret F. Murphy, on behalf of J. Stapleton Roy</p>	<p>12/02/02 Date</p>
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18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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