

PHELPS DODGE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PERU RAMIRO G

(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)
03/08/2006

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)
Executive VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 ⁽¹⁾	03/08/2006		M	2,333 A \$ 74.61	44,023	D	
COMMON SHARES ⁽²⁾	03/08/2006		S	2,333 D \$ 131.5639	41,690	D	
COMMON SHARES ⁽¹⁾	03/08/2006		M	3,333 A \$ 96.19	45,023	D	
COMMON SHARES ⁽²⁾	03/08/2006		S	3,333 D \$ 131.5639	41,690	D	

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS/RIGHTS TO PURCHASE ⁽¹⁾	\$ 74.61	03/08/2006		M	2,333	⁽³⁾ 02/04/2014	COMMON SHARES
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS/RIGHTS TO PURCHASE ⁽¹⁾	\$ 96.19	03/08/2006		M	3,333	⁽⁴⁾ 02/02/2015	COMMON SHARES

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PERU RAMIRO G C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004			Executive VP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for Ramiro G. Peru
Date: 03/10/2006

__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).

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EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS AND SAME DAY SALE OF UNDERLYING COMMON SHARES PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN.

- (2) THIS TRANSACTION WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1(c) TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY THE REPORTING PERSON ON FEBRUARY 6, 2006.
- (3) THE OPTION VESTS IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005, 2006 AND 2007.
- (4) THE OPTION VESTS IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2006, 2007 AND 2008.

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