

DAY ROBERT  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
DAY ROBERT

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)  
865 SOUTH FIGUEROA ST., STE. 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/10/2008

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

(Street)  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount or Price                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 152,600 (1)                                                                                   | D                                                        |                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | \$ 21.0726                                                                                    |                                                          | 310,210                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 152,600 (2)                                                                                   | D                                                        |                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | \$ 23.9607                                                                                    |                                                          | 157,610                                    |
| Common Stock (3)                | 12/12/2008                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 152,610 (4)                                                                                   | D                                                        |                                            |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | \$ 21.8566                                                                                    |                                                          | 5,000                                      |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                | Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other |

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## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Robert A. Day pursuant to a power of attorney 12/12/2008

\*\*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) The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$20.87 - \$21.36. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$23.63 - \$24.29. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (3) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions reflects 5,000 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.
  - (4) The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$21.63 - \$22.22. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes, upon request of the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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