

ARNOLD MICHAEL J
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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 *
ARNOLD MICHAEL J

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)
333 N. CENTRAL AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/03/2010

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Exec. Vice President and CAO

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	2,487 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock	12/03/2010		M	56,250 A \$ 37.04	154,723	D	
Common Stock	12/03/2010		M	30,000 A \$ 24.59	184,723	D	
Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾	12/03/2010		S	86,250 ⁽⁵⁾ D \$ 108.2961	98,473	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 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)
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.04	12/03/2010		M	56,250	02/01/2006 ⁽²⁾ 02/01/2015	Common Stock 56,250
Options (right to buy)	\$ 24.59	12/03/2010		M	30,000	02/02/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/02/2019	Common Stock 30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARNOLD MICHAEL J 333 N. CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004			Exec. Vice President and CAO	

Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux on behalf of Michael J. Arnold pursuant to a power of attorney 12/06/2010

__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) Based on plan statement as of November 15, 2010.
- (2) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (3) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.
- (4) Amount beneficially owned following the reported transactions includes 34,050 Common Stock Restricted Stock Units.

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The price reported represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. Shares were sold at varying prices in the range of \$107.8784 - (5) \$108.60. 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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