

ADKERSON RICHARD C  
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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 \*  
ADKERSON RICHARD C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FREERT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC [FCX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/06/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 250,000   | A  | \$ 37.04 1,772,346.5                                  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2008                           |  | F(1)                           |   | 154,846   | D  | \$ 104.34 1,569,923.5 (2)                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 500   | D  | \$ 105.18 1,569,423.5                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 50  | D  | \$ 105.17 1,569,373.5                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/06/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 400   | D  | \$ 105.15 1,568,973.5                                 |

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|              |            |   |        |   |            |             |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|-------------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 2,050  | D | \$ 105.11  | 1,566,923.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 850    | D | \$ 105.1   | 1,566,073.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 550    | D | \$ 105.085 | 1,565,523.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 200    | D | \$ 105.08  | 1,565,323.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 700    | D | \$ 105.06  | 1,564,623.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 700    | D | \$ 105.05  | 1,563,923.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 1,250  | D | \$ 105.04  | 1,562,673.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 650    | D | \$ 105.03  | 1,562,023.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 700    | D | \$ 105.02  | 1,561,323.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 1,700  | D | \$ 105.01  | 1,559,623.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 13,007 | D | \$ 105     | 1,546,616.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 618.5  | D | \$ 104.99  | 1,545,998   | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 500    | D | \$ 104.98  | 1,545,498   | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 900    | D | \$ 104.97  | 1,544,598   | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 600    | D | \$ 104.96  | 1,543,998   | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 131.5  | D | \$ 104.95  | 1,543,866.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 150    | D | \$ 104.94  | 1,543,716.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 200    | D | \$ 104.93  | 1,543,516.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 250    | D | \$ 104.92  | 1,543,266.5 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 | S | 550    | D | \$ 104.91  | 1,542,716.5 | D |
|              | 03/06/2008 | S | 50     | D | \$ 104.9   | 1,542,666.5 | D |

|              |            |  |   |     |   |           |                      |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-----|---|-----------|----------------------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |     |   |           |                      |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 |  | S | 500 | D | \$ 104.89 | 1,542,166.5 D        |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 |  | S | 250 | D | \$ 104.88 | 1,541,916.5 D        |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 |  | S | 600 | D | \$ 104.87 | 1,541,316.5 D        |
| Common Stock | 03/06/2008 |  | S | 50  | D | \$ 104.86 | 1,541,266.5<br>(3) 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount Number Shares                                    |
| Options (Right to Buy)                     | \$ 37.04   | 03/06/2008                           |  | M                              | 250,000   | 02/01/2006 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/01/2015                     | Common Stock 250,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| ADKERSON RICHARD C<br>ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

Kelly C. Simoneaux, on behalf of Richard C. Adkerson pursuant to a power of attorney 03/07/2008

\_\_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) Shares delivered and withheld in payment of the exercise price of options and the resulting taxes.

Of the options that were exercised, one-half of the economic value of the shares remaining following payment of the exercise price and

(2) resulting taxes was transferred to the Reporting Person's former spouse pursuant to a property settlement. Accordingly, 47,577 of the net shares issued to the Reporting Person following the exercise are no longer included in his beneficial ownership.

(3) 1 of 2 Forms 4 filed March 7, 2008 to report transactions occurring on March 6, 2008. See other Form 4 for remainder of reported transactions.

(4) 25% exercisable on the date indicated and 25% exercisable on each of the next three anniversaries thereof.

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