

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 MCCOY DUSTAN E

(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)  
 03/19/2007

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	03/19/2007		M		552.03	A	\$ 0
Common Shares	03/19/2007		D		552.03	D	\$ 71,336.08
					0		

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Phantom Stock	(1)	03/19/2007		M	552.03	(1)	(1)	Common Shares	552.03

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MCCOY DUSTAN E  
C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION  
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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## Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-Fact for Dustan E. McCoy

03/21/2007

\*\*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) Each issuer deferred stock unit disposed of in exchange for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of a share of issuer common stock on the closing of the merger contemplated by a merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") between the issuer and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("Freeport"). Pursuant to the terms of the issuer's Directors Stock Unit Plan, cash payments in respect of deferred stock units are made 30 days after the closing date.

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