

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
July 23, 2008

---

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 22, 2008

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-9916  
(Commission File  
Number)

74-2480931  
(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

One North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona  
(Address of principal executive offices)

85004-4414  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized an increase in its annual common stock dividend from \$1.75 per share to \$2.00 per share (see Exhibit 99.1). FCX also announced today that its Board of Directors approved an increase in its open market share purchase program to 30 million shares from the prior authorization of 20 million shares (see Exhibit 99.1).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

By: /s/ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

-----  
C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
Vice President and Controller -  
Financial Reporting  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: July 22, 2008

---

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
Exhibit Index

Exhibit  
Number

99.1 Press release dated July 22, 2008, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Increase in Common Stock Dividend to \$2.00 per Share and Expanded Share Purchase Program."

---

