

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SNIDER TIMOTHY R**

(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)  
**President and COO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		J		16,998	D	0
Common Shares	03/19/2007		J		5,460.4215	D	0
Common Shares	03/19/2007		J		9,204.112	D	0
Common Shares	03/19/2007		D		78,278	D	0

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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)
						Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)		
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 48.095	03/19/2007		D	10,000	03/19/2007      02/02/2015	Common Shares      10,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 78.995	03/19/2007		D	9,467	03/19/2007      02/01/2016	Common Shares      9,467
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 121.93	03/19/2007		D	11,500	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/07/2017	Common Shares      11,500

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SNIDER TIMOTHY R  
C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION  
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

President and COO

## Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-Fact for Timothy R.  
Snider

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 share disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") between the issuer and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("Freeport") in exchange for .67 shares of Freeport common stock and a cash payment of \$88.00.
- (2) Each share disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for the right to receive .67 restricted shares of Freeport common stock and a cash amount of \$88.00.
- (3) Converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of Freeport common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
- (4) The option vests in three substantially equal annual installments on February 6, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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