

PHELPS DODGE CORP

Form 4

March 21, 2007

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON ROBERT D

(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)
☒ 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------|------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Shares | 03/19/2007 | | J | | 1,085.83 | D | <u>11</u> | 0 | D |
| Common Shares | 03/19/2007 | | M | | 4,246.27 | A | \$ 0 | 4,246.27 | D |
| Common Shares | 03/19/2007 | | D | | 4,246.27 | D | \$ 548,724.24 | 0 | 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 or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | (2) | 03/19/2007 | | M | 4,246.27 | (2) | (2) | Common Shares | 4,246.27 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JOHNSON ROBERT D
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 Robert D.
Johnson

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 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 the Merger Agreement. 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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