

WHISLER J STEVEN
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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 *
 WHISLER J STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO and Chairman of the Board

(Street)
 PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON SHARES | 02/01/2005 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | V Amount \$ 21,900 A 96.19 | 197,009 | 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)

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| 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 |
| Employee Stock Option / Right to Purchase | \$ 96.19 | 02/01/2005 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 37,500 | ⁽³⁾ 02/02/2015 | Common Shares 37,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHISLER J STEVEN C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | X | | CEO and Chairman of the Board | |

Signatures

/ s / S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for J. Steven Whisler

02/03/2005

**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) AWARD OF RESTRICTED STOCK PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
- (2) GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS PURSUANT TO TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN AND INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO HAVE SHARES WITHHELD TO SATISFY STATE AND FEDERAL TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS.
- (3) THE OPTIONS WILL VEST IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS COMMENCING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRANT DATE.

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