

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2005

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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): January 18, 2005

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

Delaware	1-9916	74-2480931
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1615 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (504) 582-4000

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



Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated January 18, 2005, announcing its fourth-quarter and twelve-month 2004 results (see exhibit 99.1) and presented slides on its web site that accompanied its January 18, 2005, earnings conference call (see exhibit 99.2).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The Exhibits included as part of this Current Report are 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.  
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C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.  
Vice President and Controller -  
Financial Reporting  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: January 19, 2005

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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- 99.1 Press release dated January 18, 2005, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Reports Fourth-Quarter and Twelve-Month 2004 Results.
- 99.2 Slides presented in conjunction with January 18, 2005, FCX fourth-quarter 2004 earnings conference call conducted via the internet.