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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

June 1, 2005

(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)

PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK	001-00082	13-1808503
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4414
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

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

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On June 1, 2005, Phelps Dodge Corporation (the "Company") entered into a Shareholders Agreement (the "Shareholders Agreement") with Cyprus Climax Metals Company, a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Company ("CCMC"), Sumitomo Corporation, a Japanese corporation ("SC"), Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation ("SMM"), Summit Global

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Management B.V., a Dutch corporation ("SGM"), SMM Cerro Verde Netherlands B.V., a Dutch corporation (the "Sumitomo Participant"), Compania de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A., a Peruvian sociedad anonima abierta ("BVN"), and Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde S.A.A., a Peruvian sociedad anonima abierta ("Cerro Verde"). The Shareholders Agreement sets forth certain agreements between the parties relating to the operation and governance of Cerro Verde and the ownership of Cerro Verde shares, including regarding the nomination of directors and transfer restrictions on common stock. On the date the parties entered into the Shareholders Agreement, CCMC, the Sumitomo Participant and BVN held approximately 53.6%, 21.0% and 18.2%, respectively, of the shares of outstanding common voting stock of Cerro Verde.

The Company and its affiliates have entered into various other commercial arrangements with SC and SMM and their respective affiliates in connection with other mining interests of the Company.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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Exhibit 10.1	Shareholders Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2005, among Phelps Dodge Corporation, Cyprus Climax Metals Company, a Delaware corporation, Sumitomo Corporation, a Japanese corporation, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., a Japanese Corporation, Summit Global Management B.V., a Dutch corporation, SMM Cerro Verde Netherlands B.V., a Dutch corporation, Compania de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A., a Peruvian sociedad anonima abierta, and Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde S.A.A., a Peruvian sociedad anonima abierta.

SIGNATURES

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.

PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ S. David Colton

Name: S. David Colton
Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: June 7, 2005

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