

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2012

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): March 15, 2012

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | 001-11307-01<br><br>(Commission File Number) | 74-2480931<br><br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>Number) |
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| 333 North Central Avenue<br>Phoenix, AZ<br>(Address of principal executive offices) | 85004-2189<br><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated March 15, 2012, providing an update on its Grasberg operations. See Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

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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: March 15, 2012

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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99.1 Press Release dated March 15, 2012, titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Provides Update on Grasberg Operations."