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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 9, 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)

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

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On June 9, 2005, two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Phelps Dodge Corporation ("Phelps Dodge"), Phelps Dodge Overseas Capital Corporation ("PDOCC") and Climax Molybdenum B.V. ("Climax"), entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., UBS Securities LLC, Southern Peru Copper Corporation, Cerro Trading Company, Inc. and SPC Investors, L.L.C.

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, PDOCC and Climax agreed to sell to the underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters") 8,338,415 and 2,055,814 shares of Common Stock of SPC (the "Common Stock"), respectively, based on a price of \$42.00 per share less underwriting fees for a net purchase price of

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\$40.635 per share. PDOCC and Climax also agreed to sell an additional 625,381 and 154,186 shares of Common Stock, respectively, at the same purchase price upon the exercise by the Underwriters of an over-allotment option (the "Over-Allotment Option").

The shares to be sold by PDOCC and Climax pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, including the shares subject to the Over-Allotment Option, represented all of the Common Stock held by PDOCC and Climax.

The foregoing is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On June 15, 2005, PDOCC and Climax sold a total of 8,963,796 and 2,210,000 shares of Common Stock, respectively, to the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. This total included all of the shares of Common Stock subject to the Over-Allotment Option.

The transaction, which constituted a sale of all of the shares of Common Stock held by PDOCC and Climax, resulted in pre-tax aggregate proceeds of approximately \$454 million. The after-tax gain is approximately \$370 million or \$3.70 per share, net of expenses.

This filing contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There are certain factors that could cause results to differ from those anticipated by some of the statements in this filing. These factors include those listed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Phelps Dodge's most recently filed Form 10-K and Form 10-Q.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated June 9, 2005, between Southern Peru Copper Corporation, Cerro Trading Company, Inc., SPC Investors, L.L.C., Phelps Dodge Overseas Capital Corporation, Climax Molybdenum B.V., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and UBS Securities LLC.

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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 15, 2005

