

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC
Form 8-K
September 03, 2002

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): August 31, 2002

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

1-9916
(Commission
File Number)

74-2480931
(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

1615 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosures

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. issued press releases dated August 31, 2002 and September 3, 2002 regarding a recent incident at its Indonesian mining operations area (see exhibits 99.1 and 99.2).

Cautionary Statement. The September 3, 2002 press release contains forward-looking statements in which we discuss factors we believe may affect our performance in the future. Forward-looking statements are all statements other than historical facts, such as statements regarding anticipated sales volumes. Additionally, important factors that might cause future results to differ from these projections include industry risks, Indonesian political risks, weather related risks and other factors described in FCX's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURE

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

By: \s\ C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.

C. Donald Whitmire, Jr.
Vice President and Controller-
Financial Reporting
(authorized signatory and
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: September 3, 2002

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.
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Exhibit
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- 99.1 Press release dated August 31, 2002 titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Makes Statement on Shooting Incident in Papua."
- 99.2 Press release dated September 3, 2002 titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Provides Update on Recent Shooting Incident in Papua, Indonesia."