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September 25, 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): September 25, 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 a press release dated September 25, 2002 regarding third-quarter 2002 production and its CEO's visit to the Grasberg operations in Indonesia (see exhibit 99.1).

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, thereunto 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-

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Financial Reporting  
(authorized signatory and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: September 25, 2002

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99.1 Press release dated September 25, 2002 titled "Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Reports Strong Third Quarter Production and Visit by CEO Moffett to Grasberg Operations in Indonesia."