

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC

Form 8-K

October 16, 2003

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): October 16, 2003

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.

Delaware

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74-2480931

(State or other

(Commission

(IRS Employer

jurisdiction of

File Number)

Identification

incorporation or

Number)

organization)

1615 Poydras Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

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

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (FCX) issued a press release dated October 16, 2003, announcing its third-quarter 2003 results (see exhibit 99.1) and presented slides (see exhibit 99.2) on its web site that accompanied its earnings conference call.

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 -

Financial Reporting

(authorized signatory and

Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: October 16, 2003

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.

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Exhibit

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99.1

Press release dated October 16, 2003, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Reports Third- Quarter and Nine-Month 2003 Results.

99.2

Slides presented in conjunction with October 16, 2003, FCX third-quarter 2003 earnings conference call conducted via the internet.