

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COLTON S DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

(Street)

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction or Disposed of (Instr. 8) |   |        |            | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--------|------------|---|--|---|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                                     | V | Amount | (A) or (D) |   |  |   | Price |
| Common Shares                   | 03/07/2007                           |  | G  | V | 2,830  | D          | \$ 0  | 40,931   | D   |       |
| Common Shares                   | 03/08/2007                           |  | G  | V | 80     | D          | \$ 0  | 40,851   | D   |       |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/13/2007                           |  | M  |   | 3,467  | A          | \$ 37.305   | 44,318   | D   |       |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/13/2007                           |  | S  |   | 3,467  | D          | \$ 126.3146   | 40,851   | D   |       |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/13/2007                           |  | M  |   | 4,267  | A          | \$ 48.095   | 45,118   | D   |       |

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|                              |            |   |       |   |             |                       |   |
|------------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/13/2007 | S | 4,267 | D | \$ 126.3146 | 40,851                | D |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/13/2007 | M | 2,466 | A | \$ 78.995   | 43,317                | D |
| Common Shares <sup>(1)</sup> | 03/13/2007 | S | 2,466 | D | \$ 126.3146 | 40,851 <sup>(2)</sup> | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 37.305  | 03/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 3,467   | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/04/2014                                | Common Shares   | 3,467                         |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 48.095  | 03/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 4,267   | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/02/2015                                | Common Shares   | 4,267                         |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 78.995  | 03/13/2007                           |  | M                              | 2,466   | <sup>(5)</sup> 02/01/2016                                | Common Shares   | 2,466                         |                            |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

COLTON S DAVID  
C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION  
ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

Sr VP and General Counsel

## Signatures

/s/ S. David  
Colton

03/14/2007

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Exercise of stock options and same-day sale of underlying Common Shares pursuant to the Phelps Dodge 2003 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan.
- (2) Includes shares of common stock acquired within the Phelps Dodge Employee Savings Plan (401(k) Plan). The Plan provides for the purchase of fractional shares. The number reported is the nearest whole number.
- (3) The option vests in three substantially equal annual installments on February 3, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
- (4) The option vests in three substantially equal annual installments on February 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (5) The option vests in three substantially equal annual installments on January 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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