

PHELPS DODGE CORP
Form 8-K
February 14, 2006

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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
February 10, 2006
(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)
PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

NEW YORK
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-00082
(Commission File Number)

13-1808503
(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)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On February 10, 2006, Phelps Dodge Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it and Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc. and the Company together, Phelps Dodge), have completed the sale of substantially all of its North American magnet wire assets to Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc. (Rea) pursuant to an Asset and Stock Purchase Agreement entered into between Phelps Dodge and Rea on November 15, 2005 (the Agreement). Under the Agreement, Rea purchased the assets, including certain copper inventory, for approximately \$139 million in cash, which includes a base purchase price of approximately \$125 million and a working capital adjustment estimated at closing to be approximately \$14 million.

Phelps Dodge estimates special, net after-tax charges of approximately \$16 million associated with this transaction, resulting mostly from employee-related costs and asset impairment charges. Of this amount, approximately \$11 million was recognized in the 2005 fourth quarter.

A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Phelps Dodge Corporation, dated February 10, 2006.

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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: February 13, 2006

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