

February 5, 2008

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*By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (504) 589-8412*  
Douglas N. Currault II  
Secretary  
Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold, Inc.  
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**Re: Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold, Inc.  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A  
Filed June 5, 2007  
File No. 1-11307-01**

Dear Mr. Currault:

We have completed our review of your executive compensation and related disclosure, and we have no further comments at this time.

Please note that the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in its filing. We are not approving any proposed disclosure you may have included in your response letters or any disclosure you include in your future filings in response to our comments.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filing, please call me at (202) 551-3687.

Sincerely,

Carmen Moncada-Terry  
Attorney Advisor