

FREEPORT MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2011

**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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2011**

**FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-11307-01**

(Commission File Number)

**74-2480931**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**333 North Central Avenue**

**Phoenix, AZ**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**85004-4414**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 366-8100

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ( FCX ) issued a press release dated September 21, 2011 updating the status of PT Freeport Indonesia s ( PT-FI ) Grasberg operations in Papua, Indonesia following a labor strike which began on September 15, 2011 (see Exhibit 99.1).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The Exhibit included as part of this Current Report is listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

FREEPORT-McMoRan COPPER & GOLD  
INC.

By: /s/L. Richards McMillan, II  
L. Richards McMillan, II  
Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel (authorized signatory)

Date: September 21, 2011

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Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
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Exhibit  
Number

99.1 Press Release dated September 21, 2011, titled Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.  
Announces Impacts From PT-FI Labor Strike.