

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 \*  
 RIDEOUT STANTON K

(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)  
 12/06/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON SHARES	12/06/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,100 A \$ 34.67	11,156	D	
COMMON SHARES	12/06/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>	2,100 D \$ 93.0086	9,056	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION/RIGHT TO PURCHASE	\$ 34.67	12/06/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,100	<sup>(2)</sup> 12/05/2011	COMMON SHARES

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RIDEOUT STANTON K C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE PHOENIX, AZ 85004			Vice President and Treasurer	

## Signatures

/ s / S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for Stanton K.  
Rideout

12/08/2004

\*\*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) THIS TRANSACTION WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1(c) TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY THE REPORTING PERSON ON FEBRUARY 13, 2004.

(2) THE OPTION VESTED IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON DECEMBER 4, 2002, 2003 AND 2004.

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