

SOUTHERN COPPER CORP/  
Form 8-K  
September 23, 2010

**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 20, 2010**

**SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-14066**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3849074**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**11811 North Tatum Blvd., Suite 2500, Phoenix, Arizona 85028**

(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

**(602) 494-5328**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Not Applicable**

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

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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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

On September 20, 2010, the Board of Directors of Southern Copper Corporation (the Company) elected Mr. Luis Castelazo Morales a director of the Company. Mr. Castelazo Morales will serve on the Board of Directors of the Company until the next annual meeting of stockholders, or a special meeting at which directors are elected, and until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Mr. Luis Castelazo Morales, 55 years old, has been the General Director of Empresarios Industriales de México S.A. de C.V. (EIM), the largest shareholder of Grupo Mexico, S.A.B. de C.V. (Grupo Mexico), since 2008. The principal business of EIM is to act as a holding company for shares of other corporations engaged in a variety of businesses including mining, construction, railways, real estate, and drilling. Information on transactions with Grupo Mexico and EIM is incorporated herein by reference from the Related Party Transactions section in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement and from information in the Company's 2009 Report on Form 10-K. Mr. Castelazo Morales was, previously, Chief Executive Officer of Desarrollo de Ingeniería S.A. de C.V. (DISA), a Mexican construction company, for more than ten years.

Mr. Castelazo Morales also participated in different projects in Mexico via joint ventures with Raytheon Engineers and Constructors and also with the McCarthy Construction Group. Later he, along with two colleagues, founded AGBC S.C., a firm dedicated to the financial consulting and advising for investments in the Mexican stock market, where he worked for more than 15 years. Mr. Castelazo Morales holds the recognition of the AMIB (Asociación Mexicana de Intermediarios Bursátiles) as a certified Advisor in Investment Strategies for the Mexican stock market. Mr. Castelazo Morales holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas in Austin, TX.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION

Date: September 23, 2010

By: /s/ Armando Ortega Gomez  
Name: Armando Ortega Gomez  
Title: Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and  
Secretary