

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
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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 \*  
Naccarati David C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PHELPS DODGE CORP [PD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President, PDMC

(Street)  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| COMMON SHARES <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/10/2006                           |  | M                              | 400 A \$ 74.61  | 15,849 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |   |
| COMMON SHARES <sup>(3)</sup>    | 03/10/2006                           |  | S                              | 400 D \$ 135.7733   | 15,449  | D  |   |
| COMMON SHARES <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/10/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,333 A \$ 96.19  | 16,782  | D  |   |
| COMMON SHARES <sup>(3)</sup>    | 03/10/2006                           |  | S                              | 1,333 D \$ 135.7733   | 15,449  | 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<br>(Instr. 3)            | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS/RIGHTS TO PURCHASE <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 74.61   | 03/10/2006                              |   | M                                 | 400  | <sup>(4)</sup> 02/04/2014                                   | COMMON SHARES  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS/RIGHTS TO PURCHASE <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 96.19   | 03/10/2006                              |   | M                                 | 1,333  | <sup>(5)</sup> 02/02/2015                                   | COMMON SHARES  |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| Naccarati David C<br>C/O PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION<br>ONE NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE<br>PHOENIX, AZ 85004 |               |           | President, PDMC |       |

### Signatures

/s/ S. David Colton, Attorney-in-fact for David C. Naccarati  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date  
 03/14/2006

### 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)

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EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS AND SAME DAY SALE OF UNDERLYING COMMON SHARES PURSUANT TO THE PHELPS DODGE 2003 STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN.

- (2) INCLUDES, AMONG OTHER SHARES, SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ACQUIRED WITHIN THE PHELPS DODGE SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS PLAN AND THE PHELPS DODGE EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN (401(K) PLAN).
- (3) THIS TRANSACTION WAS EFFECTED PURSUANT TO A RULE 10b5-1(c) TRADING PLAN ADOPTED BY THE REPORTING PERSON ON FEBRUARY 6, 2006.
- (4) THE OPTION VESTS IN THREE EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005, 2006 AND 2007.
- (5) THE OPTION VESTS IN THREE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2006, 2007 AND 2008.

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