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August 7, 2002

Via UPS

Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

Re: Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (NYSE:FCX) -  
Statements Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal  
Financial Officer

Dear Mr. Katz:

In accordance with the order of the Securities and Exchange Commission dated June 27, 2002 (File No. 4-460), enclosed are the sworn statements of each of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. Please acknowledge these filings by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

Douglas N. Currault II

Enclosures

cc: James R. Moffett  
Richard C. Adkerson

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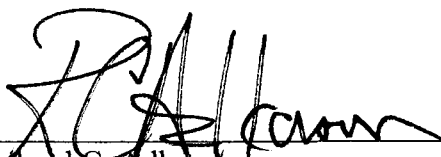
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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer  
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

**State of Louisiana  
Parish of Orleans**

I, Richard C. Adkerson, Chief Financial Officer of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., state and attest that:

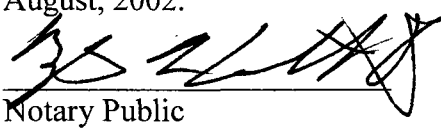
- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.'s audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
Richard C. Adkerson

Date: August 6, 2002

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Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 2002.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

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DOUGLAS H. CORNAULT II  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana  
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