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- >> Announced Transaction on November 19, 2006
- >> Positive Market Response
 - o Size, Scale, Diversity
- >> Transaction Subject to Regulatory and FCX/PD Shareholder Approval
 - o Material Regulatory Approval Received
- >> Shareholder Votes Set for March 14, 2007
- >> Transaction Expected to Close on March 19, 2007

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Transaction Highlights

- >> Creates World's Premier Publicly Traded Copper Company
- >> Leading North American-based Metals and Mining Investment
- >> World Class, Long-lived, Geographically Diverse Operations
- >> Significant Exploration Potential and Management Track Record of Adding Value Through Exploration
- >> Strong Cash Flows and Pro Forma Financial Strength
- >> Operating and Development Expertise
- >> Attractive Project Pipeline Supports Growing Production Profile

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Sources/Uses Expected at Closing

(US\$ billions)

Sources		Uses	
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Existing Cash	\$2.5	Cash Consideration	\$18.0
Term A Proceeds	2.5	Fees & Expenses	0.5
Term B Proceeds	7.5		-----
Senior Notes Proceeds	6.0	Total Uses	\$18.5

Total Sources	\$18.5		

Pro Forma Cash & Credit Availability

Cash in U.S.	\$1.0
Cash in Foreign Subs	2.3
Less L/C's, Cash Collateral	(0.3)

Total Cash	\$3.0
Revolver	1.5

Total Availability	\$4.5

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World's Leading Public Copper Company

Top 10 Copper Producers (2006E)

Pro forma FCX is poised to take advantage of favorable industry fundamentals

Source: Brook Hunt 4Q Report. Rankings based on net equity ownership.
(1) Xstrata shown pro forma the acquisition of Falconbridge

Premier North American Mining Company

Enterprise Value
(US\$ billions)

Source: Public filings, prices as of February 23, 2007
Pro forma FCX based on closing share price of \$59.91, pro forma 358 million
diluted shares outstanding, net debt and minority interest as of December 31,
2006 and debt incurred through the transaction

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Combination of FCX and Phelps Dodge

2006 Revenue (US\$ billions)

2006 EBITDA (US\$ billions)

2006 Consolidated Copper Sales (billion lbs)

Enterprise Value (US\$ billions) (1)

(1) As of February 23, 2007

(2) Includes approximately 540 mm lbs for minority interests; excludes purchased copper

Enhanced Diversification

2006 Mining Revenue by Commodity

2006 Mining Revenue by Geography

Pro forma for the transaction, approximately 60% of production will come from investment grade countries

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Strong Management Track Record

- >> Leader in Safety and Environmental Excellence
- >> World Class Open Pit and Underground Mining Expertise
- >> Global Leader in Mining and Processing Technologies
- >> Established Exploration and Development Expertise
- >> Proven Project Management Expertise

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*LME and Comex, excluding Shanghai stocks, producer, consumer and merchant stocks.

Industry Analysts Copper Price Forecasts

	2007	2008
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Reuters Survey (1)	\$2.81	\$2.35
CRU	\$2.48	\$1.64
Brook Hunt	\$2.50	\$1.95
Bloomsbury	\$2.53	\$2.55
"Street"	\$2.75	\$2.30
Forward Curve	\$2.59	\$2.68

(1) 45 Commodity Strategists as of January 15, 2007

(2) Excludes actuals for January and February 2007 which averaged \$2.59/lb and \$2.58/lb, respectively

Positive Long-Term Fundamentals

- >> The Combination of Strong Fundamentals Has Created Extremely Attractive Market Conditions
- >> Supply is Unlikely to Increase Meaningfully
 - |X| Absence of Mega-development Projects in the Pipeline
 - |X| Potential for Further Supply Disruptions
- >> China Continues to Lead Strong Demand Growth
- >> 60% of Today's Mines Deplete or Go Underground by 2021
- >> New Mines Taking Longer to Build

	Supply/Demand Forecast*			
	2007		2008	
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Brook Hunt	CRU	Brook Hunt	CRU
Supply	18.7	18.3	19.6	19.4
Demand	18.2	18.2	18.9	18.9
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Market Balance	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.5
China Demand Growth	8.0%	9.0%	7.0%	8.5%

World Class Discoveries Are Extremely Rare

Recoverable Copper Reserves

2006E Copper Production

Phelps Dodge's Tenke Fungurume is believed to be largest undeveloped,
high-grade copper/cobalt project in the world today

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Morenci, North America

Cerro Verde, Peru

Sierrita, North America

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Geographically Diverse, Long-Lived Asset Base

		Consolidated	Net interest
Reserves 12/31/06			
Copper (billion lbs)	93.6	77.2	
Molybdenum (billion lbs)	2.0	1.8	
Gold (million ozs)	42.4	38.3	
Average Production Volumes (2007-2009)			
Copper (billion lbs)	4.4	3.6	
Molybdenum (million lbs)	77	74	
Gold (million ozs)	1.9	1.7	
Implied Reserve Life (years)			
Copper	21	21	
Molybdenum	25	25	
Gold	22	22	
Mineralized Material(1)			
Ore (million metric tons)	9,972	9,341	
average % copper	0.38	0.37	
average g/t gold	0.06	0.06	

(1) Geologic resources (i.e. Mineralized Material) are not included in reserves. The geologic resources will not qualify as reserves until comprehensive engineering studies establish their economic feasibility. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the estimated resources and mineralization will become proven and probable reserves.

North America

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			Morenci (85%)
Reserves		-----	
Cu	24.8 billion lbs	Major Projects	
Mo	1.7 billion lbs	>>	Mill Restart and Concentrate Leach Project
		>>	\$210 Million Aggregate Capital Cost
Production		>>	In Operation Mid-2007
Cu	1.6 billion lbs	>>	Adds 115MM lbs Cu/year Aggregate and Enhances Cost Prof
Mo	69 million lbs		
			Safford (100%)
Mine Life 16 Years		>>	SX/EW Project
		>>	\$550 Million Capital Cost
		>>	Production in 1H 2008
		>>	240MM lbs Cu/year
		>>	Substantial District Potential (Lone Star)

(1) Reserves and annual production net to pro forma FCX. Reserves as of December 31, 2006. Mine life based on implied reserve life as of 12/31/06 reserves and 2007-2009 average production. Cu operations: Morenci (85%), Sierrita (100%), Bagdad (100%), Chino/Cobre (100%), Tyrone (100%), and Miami (100%) Cu development: Safford (100%) Primary Mo: Henderson (100%) and Climax (100%) with feasibility study expected on Climax in 2007

South America

Peru

Cerro Verde (53.6%) (1)

Reserves

Cu 8.3 billion lbs
Mo 0.1 billion lbs

Cu Production 380 million lbs
Mine Life 37 years

Major Projects

>> Major Project With Conventional Concentrator
>> Aggregate \$850MM Project Completed in 4Q06
>> Ramp-up to Full Production in 1H07
>> Adds 430MM lbs Cu/year Aggregate

Chile

El Abra (51%) (1)

Cu Reserves 2.9 billion lbs
Production 190 million lbs
Mine Life 19 years

>> Large Sulfide Mineral Deposit Underlying Current
>> Extends Mine Life Through 2021 With Sulfide Concentration
>> Adds 325MM lbs Cu/year Aggregate

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Ojos del Salado (80%) (1)

Cu Reserves 3.5 billion lbs
Production 340 million lbs
Mine Life 15 years

(1) Reflects net interest in properties; production figures are average annual estimates for 2007 - 2009

Indonesia - Grasberg
 Grasberg (90.64%) (1)

Development Projects

Reserves

Cu 35.2 billion lbs
 Au 37.2 million ozs
 Ag 116 million ozs

>> DOZ Expansions (50K t/d & 80K t/d)
 >> Big Gossan Development
 >> Common Infrastructure Project
 >> Development of Grasberg Underground & Balance
 >> Significant Exploration Potential

Production

Cu 1.1 billion lbs
 Au 1.6 million ozs
 Ag 3.1 million ozs

Mine Life 34 years

(1) Reflects net interest in properties; production figures are average annual estimates for 2007 - 2009

Africa - Democratic Republic of Congo
Tenke Fungurume (1)
(57.75%) Development Projects Reserves

Cu 2.6 billion lbs
Co 0.3 billion lbs

>> Feasibility Study Approved 4Q06
>> Oxide Leach Operation
 >> \$650MM Capital Cost
>> Aggregate Production of 250MM lbs Cu/year; 18 MM
 10 Years
 >> Potential Expansions

(1) Reflects net interest in properties

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Significant Exploration Potential

Papua, Indonesia

>> Rights to 2.2 Million Acres

>> Highly Prospective Exploration Areas Provide Opportunities to Continue to Add to our Long

Tenke Fungurume,

Democratic Republic of Congo

>> Believed to be Largest Undeveloped, High Grade Copper/Cobalt Project in the World Today

>> Less Than Half of 600-square-mile Concession Explored; Cumulative Strike Length Greater

>> Start-up: Late 2008 to Early 2009

>> ~\$650 Million Aggregate Capital and Related Project Expenditures

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Proven Technical Expertise

Pro forma FCX will be a world leader

- >> Open pit mining
- >> SX/EW production technology
- >> Block cave underground mining
- >> Copper concentrate leaching

(1) Smelting and refining production capacity shown on a 100% basis (2) FCX's share approximates 62,000 metric tons per year (3) Miami Refinery permanently shut down

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Pro Forma FCX -- Growing Sales Profile

Copper Sales (billion lbs)

Gold Sales (million ozs)

Note: Consolidated copper sales include approximately 540 mm lbs in 2006, 700 mm lbs in 2007, 740 mm lbs in 2008 and 810 mm lbs in 2009 for minority interest; excludes purchased copper

Note: Consolidated gold sales include approximately 185 k oz in 2006, 195 k oz in 2007, 170 k oz in 2008 and 220 k oz in 2009 for minority interest

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EBITDA and Cash Flow at Various Copper Prices

Average Annual EBITDA 2007-2009
(\$500 Gold & \$15 Molybdenum)

Average Annual Operating Cash Flow 2007-2009
(\$500 Gold & \$15 Molybdenum)

Note: Each \$50/oz change in gold approximates \$90 million to EBITDA and \$50 million to operating cash flow; each \$2.00/lb of molybdenum equates to \$100 million to EBITDA and \$80 million to operating cash flow
EBITDA equals operating income plus depreciation, depletion, and amortization; Operating cash flow shown after merger adjustments

Sensitivity to Commodity Prices

Change	Annual Financial Impact	
	EBITDA	Operating Cash Flow
	(in millions)	
Copper: +/- \$0.20/lb	\$800	\$500
Molybdenum: +/- \$2.00/lb	\$100	\$80
Gold: +/- \$50/ounce	\$90	\$50

Note: Annual financial impact based on estimated average annual production for 2007-2009

Pro Forma Capital Expenditures

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Capitalization Table

(US\$ billions)

December 31, 2006 Pro Forma Capitalization

	Amount	%
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Investments	\$3.4	--
New Revolver(1)	\$0.0	0.0%
New Sr. Secured Term Loan A	2.5	9.0%
New Sr. Secured Term Loan B	7.5	27.0%
New Sr. Unsecured Notes	6.0	21.6%
Existing Debt	1.6	5.8%
Total Debt (2)	\$17.6	63.3%
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$10.2	36.7%
Total Book Capitalization	\$27.8	100.0%
Credit Statistics		
Debt / EBITDA(3)	2.3x	
EBITDA(3) / Interest(4)	5.6x	
Debt / Capitalization	63.3%	

 (1) New Revolver consists of \$1.0 billion Revolving Credit Facility available to Freeport and \$0.5 billion Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Facility available to Freeport and PT-FI

(2) Pro forma total debt as of December 31, 2006 is based on book values. Total debt as calculated in the pro forma financial statements is based on Phelps Dodge's fair market value of debt

(3) Based on year end December 31, 2006 pro forma EBITDA of \$7.8 billion

(4) Based on year end December 31, 2006 pro forma net interest of \$1.4 billion

Significant Debt Reduction

Year-End Net Debt at Varying Copper Prices

Note: Sensivity assumes \$15 Molybdenum and \$500 Gold; EBITDA equals operating income plus depreciation, depletion, and amortization

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Financial Policy

- o FCX is Committed to Maintaining a Strong Financial Position
 - o Debt Reduction Top Priority
- o Continuation of Positive Copper Markets is Expected to Provide Substantial Cash Flows That Will Enable the Combined Company to Achieve Significant Near-term Debt Reduction
- o Subject to Market Conditions, Considering Equity Offering Shortly Following Completion of Transaction
- o Consideration of Asset Sales
- o FCX Anticipates Continuing Regular Annual Common Dividend of \$1.25 per Share

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Transaction Timetable

Financing

Date	Event
February 20, 2007	Materials posted to IntraLinks
February 27, 2007	Lender Meeting
March 8, 2007	Credit Agreement posted to IntraLinks
March 9, 2007	Commitments due
March 13, 2007	Lender comments due to Credit Agreement
March 19, 2007	Closing

Summary of Proposed Terms for Senior Secured Credit Facilities

Borrower	Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. ("FCX" or the "Company")				

Facilities Overview	Facilities	Amount	Maturity	Undrawn	Drawn (LIBOR +)

	Revolving Credit				
	Facility ^{1,2}	\$1,500 mm	5 years	37.5 bps	150 bps
	Term Loan A1	\$2,500 mm	5 years	NA	150 bps
	Term Loan B	\$7,500 mm	7 years	NA	175 bps

	1 Subject to a ratings based grid				
	2 Comprised of new \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility available to Freeport and Amended and Restated \$500.0 million Revolving Credit Facility available to Freeport and PT-FI				

Amortization	10% per annum on Term Loan A with remainder as a bullet at maturity				
	1% per annum on Term Loan B with remainder as a bullet at maturity				

Collateral/Guarantees	The Credit Facilities will be guaranteed by domestic subsidiaries subject to certain exceptions for subsidiaries with restrictions in their organizational documents. FCX and each Guarantor will pledge the stock of their subsidiaries subject to certain exceptions including international subsidiaries and restrictions in organizational documents				

Financial Covenants:	Senior Secured Debt/EBITDA and Total Debt/EBITDA. Except at the time of any incurrence of indebtedness, compliance with the financial covenants will not be required so long as the Revolving Credit Facility is undrawn				

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