

PHELPS DODGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2005

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**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): December 7, 2005**  
**PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-00082  
(Commission File Number)

13-1808503  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

One North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4414  
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)  
(602) 366-8100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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(d) On December 7, 2005, Phelps Dodge Corporation ( Phelps Dodge ) elected retired U.S. Marine Corps General Charles C. Krulak, 63, as a member of its board of directors (the Board ). In his 35-year career in the Marine Corps he rose through several command and staff positions to become Commandant, the Marine Corps highest-ranking officer, and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, from June 1995 through September 1999. After his retirement from the military, Mr. Krulak joined MBNA Corp., where he held various positions from 1999 to 2005; and most recently served as Executive Vice Chairman and Chief Administration Officer until his retirement earlier this year. Mr. Krulak currently serves as member of the board of directors of ConocoPhillips.

Mr. Krulak has been named to the Board s Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Directors and Corporate Governance.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

By: /s/ S. David Colton

Name: S. David Colton

Title: Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

Date: December 13, 2005

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