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Via Fax (212) 824-5090
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Securities and Exchange Commission
Attention: Secretary
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20549

Enclosed are the written Certifications of J. Steven Whisler, Chairman, President
and Chief Executive Officer, and Ramiro G. Peru, Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer, of Phelps Dodge Corporation.

Sincerely

S. David Colton
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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

I, J. Steven Whisler, the Chief Executive Officer of Phelps Dodge Corporation, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Phelps Dodge Corporation, 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 Phelps Dodge Corporation'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":

- Phelps Dodge Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 12, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Phelps Dodge Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

By: J. Steven Whisler
Name: J. Steven Whisler
Date: August 13, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me this 13th day of August, 2002

Karen A. Tierney
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 22, 2006

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