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# THE COPPER CLUB, INC. RECOGNIZES FREEPORT-McMoRan's KATHLEEN L. QUIRK WITH PRESTIGIOUS ANKH AWARD

New York, NY (February 19, 2024) – Today, <u>The Copper Club, Inc.</u> announced **Kathleen L. Quirk**, President of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (FCX), as the 2024 Ankh Award recipient. The award will be presented at The Copper Club's Annual Dinner on June 12, 2024, at The Plaza Hotel in New York City, NY. Ms. Quirk, who will become Freeport's Chief Executive Officer in June, will be honored in recognition of her exceptional leadership and commitment to the copper industry.

Copper Club Chair Stephen T. Higgins said, "The Board of Directors is pleased to honor Kathleen as the 2024 Ankh Award recipient. As one of the outstanding leaders in the industry, this well-deserved recognition acknowledges Kathleen's passion for the people who make our industry successful and her outstanding leadership of Freeport-McMoRan. She has been steadfast in her commitment to our collective goal of promoting the responsible production of copper. At Freeport, this means a strong focus on partnering with host communities to deliver shared value with the aim of providing long-lasting benefits for all stakeholders."

The Ankh Award has been bestowed every year since 1962 to professionals who have made extraordinary contributions to the copper industry. Attendees at the annual dinner include industry leaders from the mining, refining and smelting, fabricating, manufacturing and financial services sectors from around the world.

"No one is more deserving of the Copper Club's Ankh Award than Kathleen," said Richard C. Adkerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. "We have worked together for 35 years. Her commitment to Freeport and to supporting the copper industry has been unwavering. Kathleen always strives to do what is fundamentally right. She is an empathic, compassionate leader and a devoted advocate for Freeport's more than 70,000 workers around the world, their families and the communities where they live. The Freeport Family is proud and appreciative of her accomplishments. We all congratulate her on this special recognition by The Copper Club."

In addition to recognizing Ms. Quirk at our annual dinner, we will announce the Copper Club's Educational Grants Program 2024 scholarship recipients. Through the generous donations of members, the program has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships to assist exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to the copper industry.

New this year, the Copper Club is pleased to announce and host a luncheon event titled *Future Leaders Forum – Networking for the Next Generation*. This exclusive event will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Yale Club and further enhances the education and development of young professionals in the copper industry. The forum will focus on the issues, challenges and opportunities facing future industry leaders. We will be providing additional details about the event and registration process in the next couple of months and encourage you to consider inviting some of your key emerging leaders to this informative networking opportunity.

For information on the annual dinner, visit http://www.copperclub.org/events/

#### **Notes to Editors:**

#### **About Kathleen Quirk**

Ms. Quirk has more than 30 years of experience at Freeport-McMoRan and is a member of the Board of Directors. In June, she will become Chief Executive Officer. She has been instrumental in Freeport-McMoRan's strategic planning and has responsibility for a broad range of corporate functions. She was named to the Board of Directors in February 2023 and has served as President since February 2022. She was Chief Financial Officer of the company from December 2003 to March 2022. During that period, she was named Best CFO in Metals and Mining by Institutional Investor magazine numerous times. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Vulcan Materials Company. Ms. Quirk holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University.

### About the Copper Club's Educational Grants Program

The Educational Grants Program assists exceptional students in preparing for careers in fields related to maintenance and expansion of the copper industry. Through the generous donations of members, the program awards grants to students who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need, and to date has provided more than \$1 million in scholarships. Supporting and attracting students to the copper industry is more important than ever as the demand for copper increases to support the global economy and the transition to a sustainable and low carbon future.

## **About The Copper Club**

The Copper Club was formed in 1944 to convene all participants in the copper industry. It is comprised of copper producers, fabricators, refiners, dealers, traders and merchants. The Copper Club seeks to promote the interests of the copper industry. By honoring those who have forged pathways in the industry and paving new paths for students working toward careers in the industry, The Copper Club ensures the past, present and future of copper.

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