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Place Dome, Phelps Dodge forge ore deal
Placer Dome Inc., Vancouver, and Phelps Dodge Corp., Phoenix, have agreed to develop and market jointly a substitute for ore crushing and milling that both companies had been developing independently.
The chemical extraction of precious and base metals "offers a safe and low-cost alternative to traditional smelting and refining processes," Phelps Dodge's John Marsden says. "While a number of processes have been proposed in recent years for the hydrometallurgical treatment of copper concentrates, the technologies of Phelps Dodge and Placer Dome can be applied to a range of different copper concentrates under various situations and conditions. We believe this technology will enable us to produce copper at a lower cost."