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### **WNMU ALUMNUS TO SPEAK ON FUTURE OF GLOBAL COPPER**

SILVER CITY, N.M. – Steven Holmes, a General Manager at Freeport McMoRan’s Safford location, earned his MBA at Western New Mexico University in 2000. He returns to his alma-mater on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for a lecture on “Global Copper: Past, Present, and Future.”

Since receiving his MBA he has traveled to Indonesia, South America, and Africa as part of his role in adapting technical systems for Freeport’s mining operations.

Holmes’ mining history; however, goes much further than his days with Freeport. Growing up in Douglas, Arizona, he was part of a mining family. His father was a manager for Phelps Dodge before Holmes enrolled at the University of Arizona to study mining engineering. In 1983 he began his career with Phelps Dodge. Since then Phelps Dodge has been absorbed by Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold.

Holmes will speak to WNMU business students on the supply and demand dynamics of global commodities as well as the rapid industrialization of China, India and other emerging economies.

His lecture begins at 7pm in the third floor meeting rooms of the WNMU Student Memorial Building. For more information call 538-6321.



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