SOUTHERN COPPER CORP/ Form 8-K July 14, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

July 14, 2006

(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)

SOUTHERN COPPER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-14066 (Commission File Number) 13-3849074

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

2575 East Camelback Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85016 (Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

(602) 977-6595

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On July 13, 2006, Southern Copper Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a quarterly dividend of U.S.\$2.00 per share payable August 25, 2006, to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 2, 2006. A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release of Southern Copper Corporation dated July 13, 2006.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Southern Copper Corporation (Registrant)

By:

/s/ Armando Ortega Gómez Armando Ortega Gómez Vice President, Legal, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: July 14, 2006

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ExhibitExhibitNumberExhibit99.1Press release of Southern Copper Corporation dated July 13, 2006.