

Press release

Result of Rio Tinto Limited Rights Issue Shortfall Placement

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Rio Tinto announced previously that it had received valid acceptances in respect of 142,149,887 New Rio Tinto Limited Shares, representing approximately 94.76% of the total number of New Rio Tinto Limited Shares offered to Public Shareholders pursuant to the fully underwritten Rights Issue announced by Rio Tinto Limited on 5 June 2009.

Rio Tinto confirms that Credit Suisse, J.P. Morgan and Macquarie have procured purchasers for the remaining 7,865,410 New Rio Tinto Limited Shares for which valid acceptances were not received at a price of A\$48.50 per New Rio Tinto Limited Share.

In accordance with the terms of the Rights Issue the net proceeds of A\$20.10 per New Rio Tinto Limited Share, calculated after deduction of the Issue Price of A\$28.29 per New Rio Tinto Limited Share and the expenses of procuring purchasers (including any applicable brokerage fees and commissions and amounts in respect of GST), will be paid on or about 10 July 2009 to those persons whose entitlements have lapsed, subject to any withholding required by law.

The results of the Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue shortfall placement have already been announced to ASX.

If you have further questions, please telephone the Rio Tinto Limited Shareholder Helpline or the Rio Tinto plc Shareholder Helpline on the numbers set out below. The helplines are available from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Melbourne time and London time, respectively) Monday to Friday (except bank and other public holidays) and are expected to remain open until 24 July 2009 and 22 July 2009, respectively.

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Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminium, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt, talc) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and southern Africa.

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