

## Rio Tinto share ownership

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

Under the UK Disclosure and Transparency Rules and the Australian Corporations Act, any shareholder of Rio Tinto plc with voting rights of three per cent or more or any person with voting power of five per cent or more in Rio Tinto Limited, is required to provide the

companies with notice. Excluding the interest held by Tinto Holdings Australia Pty Limited in Rio Tinto Limited, the shareholders who have provided such, or an equivalent, notice are:

Rio Tinto plc	Date of notice	Number of shares	Percentage of issued share capital
Barclays PLC	12 Jul 2006	42,129,019	4.02
The Capital Group Companies, Inc	13 Jun 2006	41,031,494	3.90
Legal & General plc	4 Feb 2008	43,532,050	4.36
AXA S.A.	29 Jan 2008	48,493,873	4.86
Shining Prospect Pte. Ltd	2 Feb 2008	119,705,134	12.00

Rio Tinto Limited	Date of notice	Number of shares <sup>1</sup>	Percentage of issued share capital <sup>1</sup>
Shining Prospect Pte. Ltd	4 Feb 2008	–	–
Alcoa Inc	13 Feb 2008	–	–

#### Note

- Shining Prospect Pte. Ltd, a Singapore based entity owned by Chinalco (Aluminum Corporation of China) with funding from Alcoa Inc, acquired 119,705,134 Rio Tinto plc shares on 1 February 2008. Through the operation of Corporations Act as modified, this gives these entities voting power of 9.33 per cent in the Rio Tinto Group on a joint decision matter, making them substantial shareholders of Rio Tinto Limited as well as of Rio Tinto plc.
- As far as it is known, Rio Tinto is not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by another corporation or by any government.
- Except as discussed in the chairman's statement on page 4, Rio Tinto is not aware of any arrangement which may result in a change in its control.

### ANALYSIS OF ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS

As at 22 February 2008

	Rio Tinto plc				Rio Tinto Limited			
	No of accounts	%	Shares	%	No of accounts	%	Shares	%
1 to 1,000 shares	37,849	73.08	13,898,832	1.30	101,921	83.59	32,380,143	7.09
1,001 to 5,000 shares	11,307	21.83	22,648,550	2.11	17,750	14.56	34,739,877	7.60
5,001 to 10,000 shares	1,016	1.96	6,950,363	0.65	1,401	1.15	9,707,172	2.12
10,001 to 25,000 shares	544	1.05	8,400,701	0.79	579	0.47	8,621,357	1.89
25,001 to 125,000 shares	560	1.08	32,980,105	3.08	196	0.16	9,699,188	2.12
125,001 to 250,000 shares	183	0.35	33,914,101	3.16	31	0.02	5,401,969	1.18
250,001 to 1,250,000 shares	210	0.41	121,814,991	11.36	34	0.03	20,035,350	4.39
1,250,001 to 2,500,000	60	0.12	105,482,635	9.84	8	0.01	15,235,651	3.34
2,500,001 and over	61	0.12	725,779,627	67.71	11	0.01	320,995,236	70.27
ADRs	–	–	94,920,868	8.85	–	–	–	–
Publicly held shares	51,790	100	1,071,869,905	100	121,931	100	456,815,943	100
Shares held in treasury			74,167,852					
Tinto Holdings Australia Pty Limited							171,072,520	
			1,071,869,905				456,815,943	

Number of holdings less than marketable parcel of A\$500

1,111

### TWENTY LARGEST REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, below are the names of the twenty largest registered holders of Rio Tinto Limited shares and

the number of shares and the percentage of issued capital each holds:

#### Rio Tinto Limited

	Number of shares	Percentage of issued share capital		Number of shares	Percentage of issued share capital
1 Tinto Holdings Australia Pty Limited	171,072,520	37.45	11 UBS Wealth Management Australia Nominees Pty Ltd	2,553,987	0.56
2 HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	39,237,31	8.59	12 Australian Foundation Investment Company Limited	2,443,414	0.53
3 National Nominees Limited	35,659,231	7.81	13 HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	2,269,520	0.50
4 JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	31,302,302	6.83	14 UBS Nominees Pty Ltd	2,127,402	0.47
5 Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	15,172,117	3.32	15 HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	1,985,586	0.43
6 ANZ Nominees Limited	9,488,839	2.16	16 RBC Dexia Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Limited	1,777,687	0.39
7 Cogent Nominees Pty Limited	6,240,454	1.37	17 Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	1,703,340	0.37
8 Queensland Investment Corporation	4,341,895	0.95	18 Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	1,532,859	0.34
9 AMP Life Limited	2,905,395	0.64	19 Argo Investments Limited	1,395,843	0.31
10 Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Ltd	2,761,366	0.60	20 HSB Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited-GSI ECSA	1,240,252	0.27
				337,471,139	73.87

#### Notes

- Tinto Holdings Australia Pty Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc.
- Other large registered shareholders are nominees who hold securities on behalf of beneficial shareholders.

## Definitions and exchange rates

### NON MINING DEFINITIONS

Throughout this document, the collective expressions Rio Tinto, Rio Tinto Group and Group are used for convenience only. Depending on the context in which they are used, they mean Rio Tinto plc and/or Rio Tinto Limited and/or one or more of the individual companies in which Rio Tinto plc and/or Rio Tinto

Limited directly or indirectly own investments, all of which are separate and distinct legal entities.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the meanings shown below:

<b>Adjusted earnings</b>	An additional measure of earnings reported by Rio Tinto with its UK GAAP results which excludes exceptional items of such magnitude that their exclusion is necessary to reflect the underlying performance of the Group.
<b>ADR</b>	American Depositary Receipt evidencing American Depositary Shares (ADS).
<b>Australian dollars</b>	Australian currency. Abbreviates to A\$.
<b>Australian GAAP</b>	Generally accepted accounting principles in Australia.
<b>AIFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted in Australia.
<b>Billion</b>	One thousand million.
<b>Canadian dollars</b>	Canadian currency. Abbreviates to C\$.
<b>Company/Companies</b>	Rio Tinto plc and/or Rio Tinto Limited, as the context so requires.
<b>DLC merger</b>	Dual listed companies merger (1995).
<b>EU IFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.
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<b>LBMA</b>	London Bullion Market Association.
<b>LME</b>	London Metal Exchange.
<b>New Zealand dollars</b>	New Zealand currency. Abbreviates to NZ\$.
<b>Pounds sterling</b>	UK currency. Abbreviates to £, pence or p.
<b>Public shareholders</b>	The holders of Rio Tinto plc shares that are not companies in the Rio Tinto Limited Group and the holders of Rio Tinto Limited shares that are not companies in the Rio Tinto plc Group.
<b>Rand</b>	South African currency. Abbreviates to R.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited</b>	Rio Tinto Limited, and, where the context permits, its subsidiaries and associated companies.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited Group</b>	Rio Tinto Limited and its subsidiaries and associated companies.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited shareholders</b>	The holders of Rio Tinto Limited shares.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited share</b>	The ordinary shares in Rio Tinto Limited.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited/RTL DLC Dividend Share</b>	The DLC Dividend Share in Rio Tinto Limited.
<b>Rio Tinto Limited/RTL Special Voting Share</b>	The Special Voting Share in Rio Tinto Limited.
<b>Rio Tinto plc</b>	Rio Tinto plc and its subsidiaries and associated companies.
<b>Rio Tinto plc ADS</b>	An American Depositary Share representing the right to receive four Rio Tinto plc ordinary shares.
<b>Rio Tinto plc Group</b>	Rio Tinto plc and its subsidiaries and associated companies.
<b>Rio Tinto plc ordinary shares</b>	The ordinary shares of 10p each in Rio Tinto plc.
<b>Rio Tinto plc shareholders</b>	The holders of Rio Tinto plc shares.
<b>Rio Tinto plc shares</b>	Rio Tinto plc ordinary shares.

<b>Rio Tinto plc/RTP DLC Dividend Share</b>	The DLC Dividend Share of 10p in Rio Tinto plc.
<b>Rio Tinto plc/RTP Special Voting Share</b>	The Special Voting Share of 10p in Rio Tinto plc.
<b>Share/shares</b>	Rio Tinto Limited shares or Rio Tinto plc ordinary shares, as the context requires.
<b>Sharing Agreement</b>	The agreement, dated 21 December 1995, as amended between Rio Tinto Limited and Rio Tinto plc relating to the regulation of the relationship between Rio Tinto Limited and Rio Tinto plc following the DLC merger.
<b>UK GAAP</b>	Generally accepted accounting principles in the UK.
<b>US dollars</b>	United States currency. Abbreviates to dollars, \$ or US\$ and US cents or USc.
<b>US GAAP</b>	Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.
<b>MINING AND TECHNICAL DEFINITIONS</b>	
<b>Alumina</b>	Aluminium oxide. It is extracted from bauxite in a chemical refining process and is subsequently the principal raw material in the electro-chemical process by which aluminium is produced.
<b>Anode and cathode copper</b>	At the final stage of the smelting of copper concentrates, the copper is cast into specially shaped slabs called anodes for subsequent refining to produce refined cathode copper.
<b>Bauxite</b>	Mainly hydrated aluminium oxides (AL <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O). Principal ore of alumina, the raw material from which aluminium is made.
<b>Beneficiated bauxite</b>	Bauxite ore that has been treated to remove waste material to improve its physical or chemical characteristics.
<b>Bioleaching</b>	The deliberate use of bacteria to speed the chemical release of metals from ores.
<b>Block caving</b>	An underground bulk mining method. It involves undercutting the orebody to induce ore fracture and collapse by gravity. The broken ore is recovered through draw points below.
<b>Borates</b>	A generic term for mineral compounds which contain boron and oxygen.
<b>Cathode copper</b>	Refined copper produced by electrolytic refining of impure copper or by electro-winning.
<b>Classification</b>	Separating crushed and ground ore into portions of different size particles.
<b>Coking coal</b>	By virtue of its carbonisation properties, it is used in the manufacture of coke, which is used in the steel making process. Also known as metallurgical coal.
<b>Concentrate</b>	The product of a physical concentration process, such as flotation or gravity concentration, which involves separating ore minerals from unwanted waste rock. Concentrates require subsequent processing (such as smelting or leaching) to break down or dissolve the ore minerals and obtain the desired elements, usually metals.
<b>Cutoff grade</b>	The lowest grade of mineralised material considered economic to process. It is used in the calculation of the quantity of ore present in a given deposit.
<b>Doré</b>	A precious metal alloy which is produced by smelting. Doré is an intermediate product which is subsequently refined to produce pure gold and silver.
<b>DWT</b>	Dead weight tons is the combined weight in long tons (2,240 pounds weight) of cargo, fuel and fresh water that a ship can carry.
<b>Flotation</b>	A method of separating finely ground minerals using a froth created in water by specific reagents. In the flotation process certain mineral particles are induced to float by becoming attached to bubbles of froth whereas others, usually unwanted, sink.
<b>FOB</b>	Free on board.

## Definitions and exchange rates

<b>Grade</b>	The proportion of metal or mineral present in ore, or any other host material, expressed in this document as per cent, grams per tonne or ounces per ton.
<b>Head grade</b>	The average grade of ore delivered to the mill.
<b>Ilmenite</b>	Mineral composed of iron, titanium and oxygen.
<b>Metallurgical coal</b>	By virtue of its carbonisation properties, it is used in the manufacture of coke, which is used in the steel making process. Also known as coking coal.
<b>Mineral resource</b>	A concentration or occurrence of material of intrinsic economic interest in or on the Earth's crust in such form, quality and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction. The location, quantity, grade, geological characteristics and continuity of a Mineral Resource are known, estimated or interpreted from specific geological evidence and knowledge. Mineral resources are sub-divided in order of increasing geological confidence, into Inferred, Indicated and Measured categories.
<b>Ore</b>	A rock from which a metal(s) or mineral(s) can be economically and legally extracted.
<b>Ore milled</b>	The quantity of ore processed.
<b>Ore hoisted</b>	The quantity of ore which is removed from an underground mine for processing.
<b>Ore reserve</b>	The economically mineable part of a Measured and/or Indicated Mineral Resource. It includes diluting materials and allowances for losses which may occur when the materials are mined. Appropriate assessments and studies have been carried out, and include consideration of and modification by realistically assumed mining, metallurgical, economic, marketing, legal, environmental, social and governmental factors. These assessments demonstrate at the time of reporting that extraction could reasonably be justified. Ore Reserves are sub-divided in order of increasing confidence into Probable Ore Reserves and Proved Ore Reserves.
<b>Pressure oxidation</b>	A method of treating sulphide ores. In the case of refractory gold ores, the object is to oxidise the sulphides to sulphates and hence liberate the gold for subsequent cyanide leaching. The technique involves reaction of the ore with sulphuric acid under pressure in the presence of oxygen gas.
<b>Rock mined</b>	The quantity of ore and waste rock excavated from the mine. In this document, the term is only applied to surface mining operations.
<b>Rutile</b>	A mineral composed of titanium and oxygen (TiO <sub>2</sub> ).
<b>Steam coal</b>	Also referred to as steaming coal, thermal coal or energy coal. It is used as a fuel source in electrical power generation, cement manufacture and various industrial applications.
<b>Stripping ratio</b>	The tonnes of waste material which must be removed to allow the mining of one tonne of ore.
<b>Solvent extraction and electrowinning (SX-EW)</b>	Processes for extracting metal from an ore and producing pure metal. First the metal is leached into solution; the resulting solution is then purified in the solvent extraction process; the solution is then treated in an electro-chemical process (electro-winning) to recover cathode copper.
<b>Tailing</b>	The rock wastes which are rejected from a concentrating process after the recoverable valuable minerals have been extracted.
<b>Titanium dioxide feedstock</b>	A feedstock rich in titanium dioxide, produced, in Rio Tinto's case, by smelting ores containing titanium minerals.
<b>Zircon</b>	Zirconium mineral (ZrSiO <sub>4</sub> ).

### Conversion of weights and measures

1 troy ounce = 31.1 grams  
 1 kilogram = 32.15 troy ounces  
 1 kilogram = 2,2046 pounds  
 1 metric tonne = 1,000 kilograms  
 1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 pounds  
 1 metric tonne = 1.1023 short tons

1 short ton = 2,000 pounds  
 1 long ton = 2,240 pounds  
 1 gram per metric tonne = 0.02917 troy ounces per short ton  
 1 gram per metric tonne = 0.03215 troy ounces per metric tonne  
 1 kilometre = 0.6214 miles

### Exchange rates

The following tables show, for the periods and dates indicated, certain information regarding the exchange rates for the pound sterling and Australian dollar, based on the Noon Buying Rates for pounds sterling and Australian dollars expressed in US dollars per £1.00 and per A\$1.00.

#### Pounds sterling

Year ended 31 December*	Period end	Average rate	High	Low
2007	1.99	2.00	2.11	1.92
2006	1.96	1.84	1.98	1.72
2005	1.73	1.82	1.93	1.71
2004	1.93	1.83	1.95	1.76
2003	1.78	1.63	1.79	1.55

#### Australian dollars

Year ended 31 December*	Period end	Average rate	High	Low
2007	0.878	0.839	0.937	0.772
2006	0.788	0.753	0.791	0.706
2005	0.734	0.763	0.799	0.727
2004	0.783	0.737	0.798	0.686
2003	0.749	0.648	0.752	0.562

\*The Noon Buying Rate on such dates differed slightly from the rates used in the preparation of Rio Tinto's financial statements as of such date. No representation is made that pound sterling and Australian dollar amounts have been, could have been or could be converted into dollars at the Noon Buying Rate on such dates or at any other dates.

## Financial calendar

<b>16 January 2008</b>	Fourth quarter 2007 operations review
<b>13 February 2008</b>	Announcement of results for 2007
<b>20 February 2008</b>	Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited shares and Rio Tinto plc ADRs quoted "ex-dividend" for 2007 final dividend
<b>22 February 2008</b>	Record date for 2007 final dividend for Rio Tinto plc shares and ADRs
<b>26 February 2008</b>	Record date for 2007 final dividend for Rio Tinto Limited shares
<b>19 March 2008</b>	Plan notice date for election under the dividend reinvestment plan for the 2007 final dividend
<b>11 April 2008</b>	Payment date for 2007 final dividend to holders of Ordinary shares
<b>14 April 2008</b>	Payment date for 2007 final dividend for holders of Rio Tinto plc ADRs
<b>16 April 2008</b>	First quarter 2008 operations review
<b>17 April 2008</b>	Annual general meeting for Rio Tinto plc
<b>24 April 2008</b>	Annual general meeting for Rio Tinto Limited
<b>16 July 2008</b>	Second quarter 2008 operations review
<b>26 August 2008</b>	Announcement of half year results for 2008
<b>3 September 2008</b>	Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited shares and Rio Tinto plc ADRs quoted "ex-dividend" for 2008 interim dividend
<b>5 September 2008</b>	Record date for 2008 interim dividend for Rio Tinto plc shares and ADRs
<b>9 September 2008</b>	Record date for 2008 interim dividend for Rio Tinto Limited shares
<b>11 September 2008</b>	Plan notice date for election under the dividend reinvestment plan for the 2008 interim dividend
<b>2 October 2008</b>	Payment date for 2008 interim dividend to holders of Ordinary shares
<b>3 October 2008</b>	Payment date for 2008 interim dividend for holders of Rio Tinto plc ADRs
<b>15 October 2008</b>	Third quarter 2008 operations review
<b>January 2009</b>	Fourth quarter 2008 operations review
<b>February 2009</b>	Announcement of results for 2008

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