

Selected financial data

Record underlying EBITDA* of US\$22,317 million, 60 per cent above 2007

EBITDA* of US\$23,870 million was 75 per cent higher than 2007

Record underlying earnings* of US\$10,303 million, 38 per cent above 2007

Net earnings* were US\$3,676 million, 50 per cent below 2007

Cash flow from operations up 64 per cent to a record of US\$20,668 million

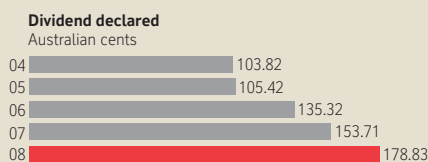
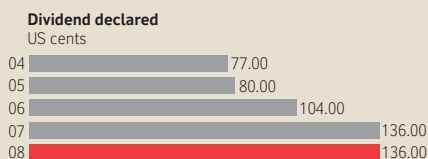
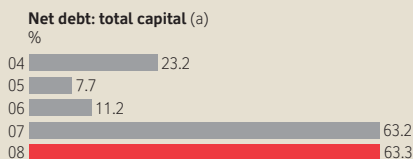
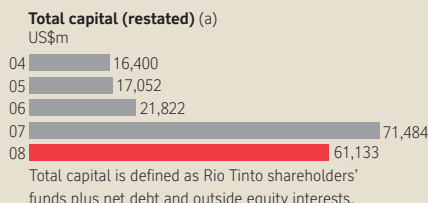
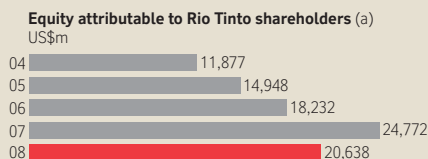
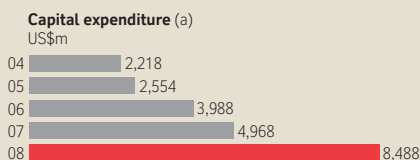
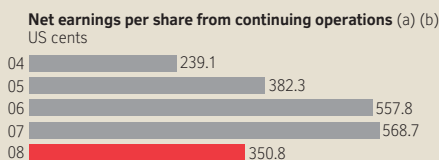
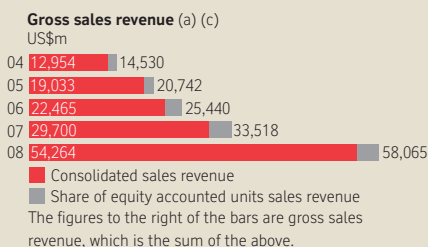
Annual production records set for iron ore, bauxite, alumina, on a like for like basis

Record net capital expenditure of US\$8.5 billion, a 71 per cent rise over 2007

* Net earnings and underlying earnings relate to profit attributable to equity shareholders of Rio Tinto. Underlying earnings is defined on page 23 and is reconciled to net earnings on page 34. EBITDA is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation. Underlying EBITDA excludes the same items that are excluded from underlying earnings. EBITDA and underlying EBITDA are reconciled to the income statement in the "Financial information by business unit" section of the 2008 *Full financial statements*.

Notes

- a The accounting information in these charts is drawn up in accordance with EU IFRS.
- b Underlying earnings is the key financial performance indicator which management use internally to assess performance. It is presented here as an additional measure of earnings to provide greater understanding of the underlying business performance of the Group's operations. Items excluded from net earnings to arrive at underlying earnings are explained in note 2 to the 2008 *Full financial statements*. Both net earnings and underlying earnings deal with amounts attributable to equity shareholders of Rio Tinto. However, EU IFRS requires that the profit for the year reported in the income statement should also include earnings attributable to outside shareholders in subsidiaries.
- c In this report, the sales revenue of parent companies and their subsidiaries is referred to as "Consolidated sales revenue". Rio Tinto also reports a sales revenue measure that includes its share of equity accounted units, which is referred to as "Gross sales revenue". This latter measure is considered informative because a significant part of the Group's business is conducted through operations that are subject to equity accounting.



The special dividend of 110.00 US cents per share (61.89 pence or 145.42 Australian cents per share), declared payable at the same time as the 2005 final dividend, is not included above.

