

Press release

Result of Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue

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On 5 June 2009 Rio Tinto announced rights issues consisting of a 21 for 40 rights issue of 524,460,478 new Rio Tinto plc shares at 1,400 pence per share (the "Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue") and a 21 for 40 rights issue of 150,015,297 new Rio Tinto Limited shares at A\$ 28.29 per share (the "Rio Tinto Limited Rights Issue" and, together with the Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue, the "Rights Issues").

Rio Tinto announces that the Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue closed for acceptances at 11.00 a.m. London time on Wednesday, 1 July 2009.

Rio Tinto received valid acceptances in respect of 508,577,688 new Rio Tinto plc shares, representing approximately 96.97% of the total number of new Rio Tinto plc shares offered to shareholders pursuant to the fully underwritten Rio Tinto plc Rights Issue.

It is expected that the new Rio Tinto plc shares in uncertificated form will be credited to CREST accounts on Thursday, 2 July 2009, and that definitive share certificates in respect of new Rio Tinto plc shares in certificated form will be dispatched to shareholders by Wednesday, 8 July 2009.

It is expected that the new Rio Tinto plc shares will commence trading fully paid on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities on Thursday, 2 July 2009.

It is also expected that the results of the Rio Tinto Limited Rights Issue (which are not yet available) will be announced on Friday, 3 July 2009.

Subscribers will be sought for the remaining 15,882,790 new Rio Tinto plc shares.

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

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