

## Press release

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### Result of Rio Tinto Limited 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 Limited Rights Issue closed for acceptances at 5:00 p.m. Melbourne time on Wednesday, 1 July 2009.

Rio Tinto 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 Rio Tinto Limited Rights Issue.

The issue of new Rio Tinto Limited shares and dispatch of confirmation statements is expected to occur on Thursday, 9 July 2009.

It is expected that the new Rio Tinto Limited shares will commence normal T+3 settlement trading on the Australian Securities Exchange on Friday, 10 July 2009.

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

Subscribers will be sought for the remaining 7,865,410 new Rio Tinto Limited shares.

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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