

Press release

Rail Network Access

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On 30 June 2010 the Australian Competition Tribunal handed down determinations that the Hamersley railway line should not be declared available for third party access under Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act and that the Robe River railway line should be declared until 2018 rather than until 2028 as originally sought.

Today the applicant for declarations over these lines, Fortescue Metals Group's subsidiary, TPI, lodged an application with the Federal Court of Australia seeking to overturn both these determinations and have both lines declared until 2028.

Rio Tinto will vigorously resist these applications.

Rio Tinto has also applied to the Federal Court to overturn the determination to declare the Robe line until 2018.

About Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the UK, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

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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