

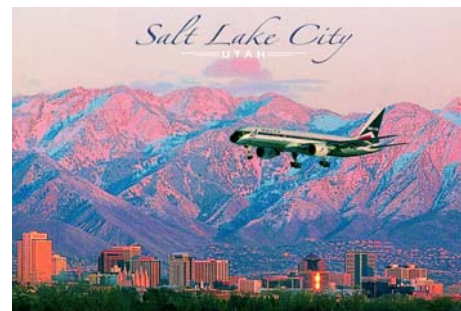
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Engaging with urban communities



## **Getting closer** to our neighbours

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Above: Mostly postcards.  
(Alan Beno).

Left: KUC employees and their families enjoy Bird Week at the Inland Seashore Seabird Reserve.

For over 100 years, Kennecott Utah Copper has been mining in Bingham Canyon, Utah, in the US. The once remote location in the Oquirrh Mountains, on the western boundary of Salt Lake County, has changed greatly over decades and now the massive Bingham Canyon Mine sits in close proximity to its neighbouring communities of Copperton, West Jordan, Herriman and Magna. The mine is about 25 miles southwest of Salt Lake City and is located entirely within Salt Lake County, with a population of about 1,000,000 residents.

Kennecott Utah Copper has developed a network of community relations contacts to ensure the company understands local concerns and priorities. Management works with a broad based group of businesses, trade, civic, community, environmental and educational organisations. The key to its past success has been regular and constant “grassroots” contact. This includes management attending monthly and quarterly meetings with local community councils. It also involves co-ordinating tours of Kennecott Utah Copper’s facilities, industrial plants, land and water reclamation projects for government officials, community councils, business associations, regulatory agencies, environmental and school groups, and the media.

Consistent with Rio Tinto’s sustainable development goals, and as part of its sustainable development planning, Kennecott Utah Copper continues to actively engage with external stakeholders. Personnel from the departments, Government and Public Affairs and Sustainable Development, plus Kennecott’s president and chief executive officer hosted a focus group of community stakeholders as part of Kennecott’s business plan. The group comprised internal and external stakeholders, including representatives from federal, state and local governments, environmental and community groups, employees, suppliers, business groups and academia.

A workshop was held to ask stakeholders their opinions about Kennecott’s *Annual Social and Environmental Report*, community engagement and environmental performance and to seek their feedback and discuss issues of common interest and concern. These stakeholders also reviewed the draft presentation of “Kennecott’s Future”. Their comments were incorporated into Kennecott Utah Copper’s vision and is now reflected in the presentation, which continues to be presented to numerous stakeholder groups in Salt Lake County.

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