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**RIO TINTO WESTERN HOLDINGS LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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Company Information

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their Annual report, together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Rio Tinto Western Holdings Limited ("the Company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto European Holdings Limited and a member of the Rio Tinto Group ("the Group"). The Company is an investment holding company for the Group. Details of the principal subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2008 are set out in note 5.

The Company's results from year to year are highly sensitive to the timing of dividend flows and of movements in impairment provisions, and do not necessarily reflect the performance of its group undertakings. The profit for the year was \$7,602,000,000 (2007: \$2,015,000,000).

Interim dividends of \$5,600,000,000 (2007: nil) were paid during the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2007: nil).

In January 2008 a subscription of \$5,499,999,990 was received from Rio Tinto International Holdings Australia Pty Limited for 61,111,111 Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Fixed Rate Preference Shares of \$90.00 each which were allotted. In February 2008 the Company used the proceeds from the issuance of preference shares to acquire the entire issued share capital of Rio Tinto Escondida Limited for \$5,499,999,990.

Also In February 2008 the Company disposed of a 48.5 per cent interest in Rio Tinto America Holdings Limited to a wholly owned subsidiary for \$6,500,000,000 and dealt with the whole of the proceeds as a capital distribution.

On 1 May 2008 a dividend of A\$125,220,136 was paid on the Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Floating Rate Preference Shares of A\$100.00 each to the registered preference shareholders as at the close of business on 30 April 2008.

On 14 July 2008 a dividend of \$140,937,500 was paid on the Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Fixed Rate Preference Shares of \$90.00 each in respect of the dividend period ended 30 June 2008, to the registered preference shareholders as at the close of business on 30 June 2008.

On 1 May 2009 a dividend of A\$117,308,290 was paid on the Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Floating Rate Preference Shares of A\$100.00 each to the registered preference shareholders as at the close of business on 30 April 2009.

On 13 July 2009 a dividend of \$222,291,666 was paid on the Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Fixed Rate Preference Shares of \$90.00 each in respect of the dividend period ended 13 July 2009, to the registered preference shareholders as at the close of business on 13 July 2009.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13 July 2009 the shareholders passed resolutions to increase the authorised share capital of the Company by \$1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 Ordinary shares of \$1.00 each and authorised the directors, in accordance with Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985, to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of \$1,000,000.

On 13 July 2009 a subscription of \$5,500,000,000 was received from Rio Tinto European Holdings Limited for 550,000 Ordinary shares of \$1.00 each to be issued at a premium of \$9,999 each which were allotted. The proceeds from the subscription were applied to the redemption of the 61,111,111 Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Fixed Rate Preference Shares at their par value of \$90.00 per share for a total of \$5,499,999,990.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**BUSINESS REVIEW (continued)**

On 28 August 2009 a subscription of \$1,416,440,000 was received from Rio Tinto European Holdings Limited for 141,644 Ordinary shares of \$1.00 each to be issued at a premium of \$9,999 each which were allotted. The proceeds from the subscription were applied to the redemption of the 17,000,000 Cumulative Non convertible Floating Rate Preference Shares at their par value of A\$100.00 per share for a total of A\$1,700,000,000.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with those of the Group and are not managed separately. The Group's risk factors and policies for financial risk management are also discussed in its 2008 Annual report and Full financial statements which do not form part of this report.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Company's directors are of the opinion that there are no meaningful financial or non financial key performance indicators that would be necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the company's activities.

DIRECTORS

The names of the directors in office at the date of this report are shown on page 2. Mr U Quellmann was appointed as a director on 25 April 2008. Mr I C Ratnage resigned as a director on 25 April 2008 and Mr C Lenon resigned on 8 December 2008.

No director had a material interest in any contract or arrangement during the year to which the Company or any subsidiary is or was a party.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial period and of the profit or loss for that period. The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the directors have satisfied themselves that the Company has access to adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The directors consider that the 2008 Annual report and financial statements present a true and fair view and have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, using the most appropriate accounting policies, and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounting policies have been consistently applied.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

The Group purchased directors' and officers' insurance during the year to indemnify individual directors' and officers' personal legal liability and costs for claims arising out of actions taken in connection with the Group's business.


REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**AUDITORS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, are deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with an elective resolution passed under Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 which continues in force under the Companies Act 2006, at the end of the period of 28 days beginning on the day on which copies of this report and financial statements are sent to members unless a resolution is passed under Section 510 of the Companies Act 2006 to the effect that their appointment be brought to an end.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



R P Dowding
Secretary
London

22 September 2009

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
RIO TINTO WESTERN HOLDINGS LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Rio Tinto Western Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Annual report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Report of the Directors and the Company Information page. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London
22 September 2009

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2008**

	Note	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Income from investments in subsidiaries		1,117	69
Operating income/(costs)	2	328	(146)
Impairment charge for the year	5	(8)	(3)
Gains on disposal of investments	4	6,500	2,200
Operating profit		7,937	2,120
Interest receivable		137	-
Interest payable		(472)	(105)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		7,602	2,015
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>7,602</u>	<u>2,015</u>

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit and loss account above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

All items dealt with in the profit and loss account above relate to continuing operations.

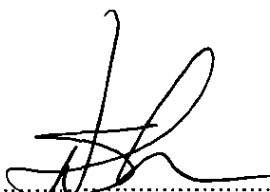
The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 December 2008

	Note	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	5	<u>7,717</u>	<u>2,225</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	4,598	2,703
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(6,946)	(1,561)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS		<u>(2,348)</u>	<u>1,142</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,369</u>	<u>3,367</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Equity share capital	8	43	43
Share premium account	9	43	43
Capital reserve	9	1,108	1,108
Other reserves	9	132	132
Profit and loss account	9	4,043	2,041
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>5,369</u>	<u>3,367</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 September 2009 and signed on its behalf by:



D S Larsen
Director

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIESa) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable UK accounting standards. The directors have reviewed the Company's existing accounting policies and consider that they are suitable. The principal accounting policies have been applied consistently.

b) Presentation Currency

The principal currency affecting the Company is the US dollar, and all financing provided to / by the Company is denominated in the US dollar, except 17,000,000 preference shares issued in Australian dollars of A\$100 each. The directors regard the US dollar as the principal currency affecting the Company's own cashflows. As a result, the financial statements are presented in US dollars. The year end exchange rate was US\$1.44: £1 (31 December 2007 US\$1.99: £1).

c) Investment Income

Income from investments is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Dividends from subsidiary undertakings registered overseas are presented inclusive of any overseas withholding tax.

d) Interest Income

Interest is accounted for on an accruals basis. Interest receivable from subsidiary undertakings registered overseas is presented inclusive of any overseas withholding tax.

e) Taxation

The Company does not pay for, or receive payment for, any group relief claimed from, or surrendered to, other Group companies.

Withholding tax incurred on dividends and interest payments received from subsidiary and other Rio Tinto group entities is presented within the taxation charge in the profit and loss account.

f) Preference Shares

In 2006, the Company issued 17,000,000 cumulative redeemable non convertible floating rate preference shares of A\$100 each. These preference shares were recorded in US dollars at the historical exchange rate. In 2008, 61,111,111 fixed rate preference shares of \$90.00 each were issued.

Any change in the US dollar equivalent (calculated at the year-end exchange rate) above the book value is included within other operating costs in the profit and loss account.

The full value, including accumulated dividends, of cumulative redeemable preference shares, have been classified as inter company debt.

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****g) Investments**

Fixed asset investments are valued at cost less impairment provisions. Investments are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. When a review for impairment is conducted, the recoverable amount is assessed by reference to the net present value of expected future cash flows of the relevant income generating unit or disposal value if higher. The discount rate applied is based upon the Company's weighted average cost of capital, with appropriate adjustment for the risks associated with the relevant unit.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indications exist, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in profit or loss. After such a reversal, the depreciation charge is adjusted in future years to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

h) Group Financial Statements

Group financial statements have not been prepared as the Company is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of another company incorporated in England and Wales. In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the assets of the Company consisting of shares in, and amounts owing from, its subsidiary companies is not less than the aggregate amount at which those assets are included in the balance sheet.

i) Currency Translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Exchange differences, except where they relate to share capital, share premium and reserves, are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

j) Reporting Format

The Company acts as an investment holding company, and hence the dividends received from investee companies and any impairment provisions against investments are presented as operating items.

k) Disposal of Investment and Capital Transactions

The profit or loss on the disposal of investments is accounted for in the profit and loss account of the period in which the disposal occurs as the difference between the net sales proceeds and the net carrying amount.

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Where a disposal or shares redemption is made within the Group and overall control is retained, the proceeds are treated as a capital distribution. Any gain on disposal is recognised in full with a subsequent review for impairment and no pro-rata portion of the cost of investment is transferred to the profit and loss account.

2. OPERATING COSTS

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
The operating profit is stated after crediting / (charging):		
Exchange gains/ (losses)	<u>328</u>	<u>(146)</u>

- a) The auditors' remuneration of \$4,925 (2007: \$11,480) is borne by a fellow Group undertaking.
- b) The average number of persons employed during the year, excluding directors, was nil (2007: nil).
- c) No emoluments were paid to any of the directors in respect of their services to the Company (2007: nil).

3. TAXATION

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profits of the period	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The tax assessed for the year is different from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28.5% (2007: 30%). The differences are explained below:

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>7,602</u>	<u>2,015</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of tax in the UK of 28.5% (2007: 30%)	2,167	605
Effects of:		
Utilisation of losses (not previously recognised)	(1)	(9)
Group relief claimed without payment	(38)	-
Non-taxable gain on disposal of subsidiary	(1,853)	-
Non-taxable redemption of reference shares	-	(668)
Dividends received from UK companies	(318)	(4)
Non-taxable gain on revaluation of preference shares	(93)	-
Expenses not deductible	136	76
Current tax charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Legislation was enacted in 2007 that reduced the UK statutory corporation tax rate to 28%, effective 1 April 2008.

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

4. GAINS ON DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTSDisposal of investment

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	Ownership disposed of (%)	Nature of business activity
Rio Tinto America Holdings Inc.	USA	Ordinary	48.5	Investment holding

On 12 February 2008 the company sold 48.5 per cent of its interest in Rio Tinto America Holdings Inc. ("RTAH") to a fellow subsidiary company and realised a gain of \$6,500 million. As the Company retained overall control of RTAH the proceeds have been treated as a capital distribution and no pro-rata portion of the cost of the original investment of RTAH has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

Redemption of shares

In 2007 the company redeemed Class B Common Stock issued by RTAH and realised a gain of \$2,200 million. As the Company retained overall control of RTAH the proceeds have been treated as a capital distribution and no pro-rata portion of the cost of the original investment of RTAH has been transferred to the profit and loss account.

5. INVESTMENTS

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Cost		
At 1 January	2,228	2,228
Additions (a)	5,500	-
At 31 December	<u>7,728</u>	<u>2,228</u>
Provision		
At 1 January	(3)	-
Charge for the year	(8)	(3)
At 31 December	<u>(11)</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December	<u>7,717</u>	<u>2,225</u>

(a) On 11 February 2008, the Company purchased from a fellow subsidiary 100% of the outstanding ordinary shares of Rio Tinto Escondida Limited.

The charge recorded during the year of \$8 million (2007: \$3 million) relates to the decrease in the expected recoverable amount from an investment in a subsidiary. The recoverable amount has been assessed by reference to value in use, and it is considered that fair value does not exceed value in use.

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

5. INVESTMENTS (continued)

The following information relates to the Company's principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2008.

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	% held	Nature of business Activity
Rio Tinto Minerals Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Rio Tinto Peru Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100	Investment holding
Rio Tinto America Holdings Inc.	USA	Common A	51.5	Investment holding
Rio Tinto Escondida Limited	Bermuda	Ordinary	100	Investment holding

Through Rio Tinto Minerals Limited the Company owns:

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	% held	Nature of business Activity
- Borax Europe Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100	Borates marketing

Through Rio Tinto Peru Limited the Company owns:

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	% held	Nature of business Activity
- Rio Tinto Peru Minera Limitada	Peru	Quota	100	Mining developments

Through Rio Tinto Escondida Limited the Company owns:

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	% held	Nature of business activity
- Minera Escondida Limitada	Chile	Quota	30	Copper mining

Through Rio Tinto America Holdings Inc. the Company owns:

Company	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares held	% held	Nature of business activity
- Kennecott Rawhide Mining Company	USA	Common	100	Copper mining
- Kennecott Minerals Holdings Company	USA	Common	100	Gold, silver and lead/zinc mining
- Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation	USA	Common	100	Copper, gold mining and smelting
- Resolution Copper Mining LLC	USA	Common	55	Copper mining
- Colowyo Coal Company LP	USA	Common	100	Coal mining
- Green Mountain Mining Venture	USA	Quota	50	Uranium
- Luzenac America Inc.	USA	Common	100	Talc mining
- Rio Tinto America Inc.	USA	Common	100	Finance
- Three Crowns Insurance Company	Bermuda	Ordinary	100	Insurance Services
- U.S. Borax Inc.	USA	Common	100	Borax mining

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

6. DEBTORS

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Amounts receivable from parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	<u>4,598</u>	<u>2,703</u>

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
61,111,111 Cumulative non-redeemable non-convertible fixed rate preference shares of US\$90.00 each	5,711	-
17,000,000 Cumulative redeemable non-convertible floating rate preference shares of US\$100.00 each	1,235	1,561
	<u>6,946</u>	<u>1,561</u>

The Cumulative non-redeemable non-convertible fixed rate preference shares of US\$90.00 each are valued at par and include accrued dividends. They are due to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. The preference shares carry a cumulative preferential dividend at a fixed rate of 7.5% per annum, payable bi-annually in arrears. The holders have voting rights (1 vote for every three preference shares held). The shares have a preferential right to return of capital, and of arrears and accruals of dividends, on a winding up, over ordinary shareholders, but are subordinated to other categories of preference shares. The preference shares were redeemed on 13 July 2009.

The Cumulative redeemable non-convertible floating rate preference shares of US\$100.00 each are valued at par and include accrued dividends. They are due to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. The preference shares carry a cumulative preferential dividend (at a rate based upon the aggregate of the Australian Bank Bill Short Term Rate and a margin of 50 basis points), payable annually in arrears. The shares have a preferential right to return of capital, and of arrears and accruals of dividends, on a winding up. The holders have voting rights (1 vote for every three preference shares held). The preference shares were redeemed on 28 August 2009.

8. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>2008</u> \$m	<u>2007</u> \$m
Authorised:		
35,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>
Issued, called up and fully paid:		
30,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	<u>43</u>	<u>43</u>

NOTES TO THE 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

9. RECONCILIATION IN MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Equity share capital	Share premium	Capital reserve	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
At 1 Jan 2008	43	43	1,108	132	2,041	3,367
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	7,602	7,602
Dividend	-	-	-	-	(5,600)	(5,600)
At 31 Dec 2008	43	43	1,108	132	4,043	5,369

In 2000, the Company's share capital, share premium and capital reserves were translated into US dollars at the exchange rate in force when the US dollar became the functional currency. The resulting currency translation adjustment has been included in other reserves.

10. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 13 July 2009 a subscription of \$5,500,000,000 was received from Rio Tinto European Holdings Limited for 550,000 Ordinary shares of \$1.00 each to be issued at a premium of \$9,999 each which were allotted. The proceeds from the subscription were applied to the redemption of the 61,111,111 Cumulative Redeemable Non-convertible Fixed Rate Preference Shares at their par value of \$90.00 per share for a total of \$5,499,999,990.

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11. CASH FLOW STATEMENT AND RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the conditions of Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 1 exempting inclusion are satisfied. The Company is also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Group or investees of the Group.

12. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The immediate parent undertaking is Rio Tinto European Holdings Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Rio Tinto plc, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. The Group's consolidated financial statements can be obtained from its registered office at 2 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LG, or from the Rio Tinto website at www.riotinto.com.