

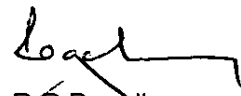
BORAX RESEARCH LIMITED
Registered Company No 1311686

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 US\$	2007 US\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Amount owed by parent company	3	3
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	3	3
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

- a) For the year ended 31 December 2008 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- i. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
 - ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 18 February 2009 and signed on its behalf by:


R P Dowling
Director

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NOTES TO THE 2008 BALANCE SHEET

1. Share capital

	2008 US\$	2007 US\$
Authorised		
100 shares of £1.00 each	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>
Issued and fully paid		
2 shares of £1.00 each	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

2. Controlling parties

The Company is controlled by Rio Tinto Metals Limited, which owns 100% of the issued share capital. Rio Tinto plc, registered in England and Wales, is the Company's ultimate holding company and also its ultimate controlling party at 31 December 2008. Copies of Rio Tinto Group consolidated financial statements can be obtained from 2 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LG, or from the Rio Tinto website at www.riotinto.com.