

Response to press speculation

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In response to press reports regarding a US Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation, Rio Tinto confirms that it is cooperating with inquiries from the relevant authorities relating to the impairment included in the company's 2012 accounts in respect of Rio Tinto Coal Mozambique (RTCM).

Rio Tinto acquired RTCM in 2011 and divested it in 2014. As the SEC investigation, which started in April 2013, remains ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment further at this time. The company will update the market, as required, in due course.

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