

## Press release

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### **Rio Tinto notes continued media speculation in connection with a possible transaction with Chinalco**

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Rio Tinto notes continued media speculation in connection with a possible transaction with Chinalco and confirms the parties are in negotiations, which may or may not lead to any agreement being reached.

Rio Tinto has been in communications with the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") and they have agreed to halt trading of Rio Tinto plc ADRs on the NYSE. Rio Tinto will be requesting a trading halt of Rio Tinto Limited ordinary shares on the Australian Stock Exchange at the opening of trading on 12 February.

A further announcement will be made shortly.

#### **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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