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Rio Tinto announces indicative results of its EUR cash tender offer

28 March 2018

Rio Tinto has successfully used some of its surplus liquidity to further reduce gross debt and today it announces the indicative results of its European bond tender offer.

On 20 March 2018, Rio Tinto Finance plc (the “**Company**”) made an invitation to holders of its €750,000,000 2.000 per cent. Instruments due 11 May 2020 (the “**2020 Notes**”) and its €500,000,000 2.875 per cent. Instruments due 11 December 2024 (the “**2024 Notes**”, and together with the 2020 Notes, the “**Notes**”), each guaranteed by Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited, to offer to sell up to approximately \$850 million equivalent in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (the “**Tender Offer**”). The Tender Offer expired at 5.00pm Paris time on 27 March 2018.

The terms and conditions of the Tender Offer are described in the tender offer memorandum dated 20 March 2018 (the “**Tender Offer Memorandum**”). Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this announcement have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

The following table provides the results of the Tender Offer on an indicative basis only:

Title of Notes	Issuer and Offeror	ISIN	Acceptance Priority Level	Indicative aggregate principal amount of Notes accepted for purchase	Indicative Tender Pro-Rating Factor
2020 Notes	Rio Tinto Finance plc	XS0863129135	1	€ 348,340,000	N/A
2024 Notes	Rio Tinto Finance plc	XS0863127279	2	€ 83,300,000	N/A
Total				€ 431,640,000	

Any Notes purchased will be cancelled and no longer remain outstanding.

The final Priority 1 Notes Acceptance Amount, Priority 2 Notes Acceptance Amount, Tender Offer Price, Accrued Interest, aggregate principal amount of the Notes of each series accepted for purchase and other pricing details will be determined using the methodology described in the Tender Offer Memorandum at or around 2.00pm,

Paris time today and will be announced as soon as practicable thereafter. The settlement date for the Notes to be purchased is expected to be 29 March 2018.

As announced on 20 March 2018, Rio Tinto has also issued redemption notices for approximately \$1.4 billion of four series of its US dollar-denominated notes maturing in 2021 and 2022. The redemption date will be 19 April 2018.

The Dealer Managers for the Tender Offer are Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, HSBC Bank plc and Societe Generale.

Questions regarding the offers may be directed to:

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Questions regarding the offers may also be directed to the Tender Agent, Lucid Issuer Services Limited at +44 20 7704 0880 or at riotinto@lucid-is.com.

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