

# Depository Receipts

J.P.Morgan

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*ADR unregistered rights offering*

## **Rio Tinto plc (the “Issuer”)**

Rio Tinto plc (NYSE: RTP) has advised JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Depository (the “Depository”), that it will distribute rights to holders of its ordinary shares as of a June 15, 2009 record date (the “Offer”). Because neither the rights nor the shares issued upon exercise thereof will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, J.P. Morgan will endeavor to sell the rights distributed to it in respect of the ordinary shares underlying the ADRs. Upon the completion of that sale, J.P. Morgan will distribute the net proceeds resulting therefrom, if any, to holders of ADRs in accordance with the terms of the Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement dated as of February 18, 2005, among the Issuer, the Depository and all Owners and holders from time to time of ADRs issued thereunder (the “Deposit Agreement”).

The ADR record and payment dates for the distribution of any net proceeds resulting from any sale of rights will be announced by the Depository as soon as practicable after the completion of any such sale. As a result, the Depository's issuance and cancellation books will remain closed commencing with the close of business June 15, 2009 (the Issuer's record date for the distribution of rights to holders of ordinary shares) through the close of business on the ADR record date to be established by the Depository for entitlement to a pro rata portion of any net cash proceeds resulting from the sale of rights, if any, as described above.

<i>Ordinary Rights Record Date</i>	June 15, 2009
<i>ADR record date:</i>	To be determined
<i>ADR payment date:</i>	To be determined
<i>CUSIP:</i>	767204 10 0
<i>Symbol:</i>	RTP
<i>Traded:</i>	NYSE
<i>Ratio:</i>	1 ADR: 4 Ordinary shares
<i>Country of incorporation:</i>	United Kingdom
<i>Depository:</i>	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
<i>Custodian:</i>	JPMorgan Chase Bank, Bournemouth

Additionally, the Depository hereby advises market participants that during the period commencing on the close of business New York time on the date the Offer closes through the close of business on the 40<sup>th</sup> day thereafter, deposits of shares under the Deposit Agreement against the issuance of ADRs must be accompanied by a certification that the shares to be deposited were not acquired in the Offer. The applicable certification form can be obtained by contacting J.P. Morgan ADR Settlements.

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