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Successor ADR program announcement

Rio Tinto plc

JPMorgan announces its appointment as successor depositary bank for the Rio Tinto plc (NYSE: RTP) American Depositary Receipt (ADR) program. Rio Tinto is a world leader in finding, mining and processing the earth's mineral resources. Major products include aluminum, copper, diamonds, energy products, gold, industrial minerals (borates, titanium dioxide, salt and talc), and iron ore. The company's operations span the world, but are strongly represented in Australia and North America, with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and southern Africa.

ADR effective date: February 23, 2005

Symbol: RTP
Exchange: NYSE
CUSIP: 767204 10 0

Ratio: 1 ADR: 4 ordinary shares

Country of incorporation: United Kingdom Industry: United Kingdom Mining/Metals

Custodian:JPMorgan Chase Bank, LondonDepositary:JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

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