

RIO TINTO LTD
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 14D-9/C
SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Rio Tinto plc

Rio Tinto Limited

(Name of Subject Company)

Rio Tinto plc

Rio Tinto Limited

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Ordinary Shares of Rio Tinto plc

American Depositary Shares, each representing four Ordinary Shares of Rio Tinto plc

Ordinary Shares of Rio Tinto Limited

(Title of Class of Securities)

Ordinary Shares of Rio Tinto plc (ISIN GB 0007188757)

American Depositary Shares of Rio Tinto plc (CUSIP US767204100)

Ordinary Shares of Rio Tinto Limited (ISIN AU000000RIO1)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications

On Behalf of the Person(s) Filing Statement)

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