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NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check one) Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q

 Form 10-D Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2007

Transition Report on Form 10-K
 Transition Report on Form 20-F
 Transition Report on Form 11-K
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended: _____

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Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

U.S. BORAX INC. 401(k) PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES
Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

c/o Rio Tinto plc, 5 Aldermanbury Square
Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

London EC2V 7HR, United Kingdom
City, State and Zip Code

PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- x
- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
 - (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
 - (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Registrant is unable to file its Annual Report on Form 11-K for the U.S. BORAX INC. 401(k) PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES because the audit of the required financial statements by the Registrant's independent auditors was unable to be completed and made available to the Registrant in time for the annual report to be filed in a timely manner. Due to the reason described above, the Registrant could not have timely filed the Form 11-K without unreasonable effort or expense, and the Form 11-K will be filed no later than the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date.

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(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Kathy K. Pike
(Name)

801
(Area Code)

252-3049
(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes No
If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

U.S. BORAX INC. 401(k) PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date **June 30, 2008**

By **/s/ Jack Welch**

Name: Jack Welch

Title: Treasurer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.