

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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