

2009 Kennecott and Rio Tinto Economic Impacts Fact Sheet

- Kennecott Utah Copper (KUC) continues to be a major economic presence in Utah, as its Bingham Canyon Mine has been for much of the past century.
- Throughout much of the 20th century, the combined economic activity at the Bingham Canyon mine and related facilities sustained more Utah households than any other private Utah firm.
- No other single private sector operation has generated more production, exports, income, and employment for as many years in Utah.
- In 2009 KUC produced 25% of the nation's copper and molybdenum supply with \$818 million in net earnings. KUC also supplied approximately 10% of the domestic silver and gold production. The combination of copper as well as molybdenum, gold and silver by product production makes KUC one of the most important mining assets within Rio Tinto and the United States.
- Total in-state spending by combined KUC and Rio Tinto business units in 2009 was \$900 million, composed of approximately \$250 million in wages, salaries, pensions and benefits and approximately \$650 million in purchases from Utah firms. The \$900 million includes payments to Utah state and local governments.
- KUC and Rio Tinto business units directly employed 2,400 people with an annual payroll of approximately \$250 million, which includes wages, salaries, pensions and benefits. The average payroll per job (including benefits) of nearly \$93,000 in 2009 makes these among the highest-paid jobs in the state.
- In 2009, the direct employment of 2,400 people at KUC and Rio Tinto business units added 14,800 indirect jobs totaling approximately 17,200 jobs in Utah.
- In 2009, over 27,500 Utahns—or about 8,800 households—were sustained because of the \$900 million dollars of in-state spending by KUC and the Rio Tinto business units in the Utah economy.
- If KUC were to expand the life of the mine to 2034 the predicted direct and indirect job creation peak would be over 23,000 jobs.
- With the mine life expansion to 2034, the personal income generated in Utah because of the economic activity of KUC and the Rio Tinto business units is estimated to average \$1.5 billion annually.

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