

Press Release

Rio Tinto Releases the online, 2009 Salt Lake Valley Sustainable Development Report

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South Jordan, Utah – The 2009 Rio Tinto Salt Lake Valley Sustainable Development Report is now available. The online, interactive report provides examples that demonstrate Kennecott Utah Copper's and Kennecott Land's efforts to maximize and balance social and environmental stewardship and economic contribution.

Sustainable development is about taking a long-term view. It is about meeting the needs of today's generation without compromising the needs of future generations. Rio Tinto business units worldwide all produce annual sustainable development reports for their local communities to provide insight into the operations.

"Providing this report every year is an important part of our corporate social responsibility and our commitment to local communities," said Kelly Sanders, President and CEO, Kennecott Utah Copper. "This report shares our sustainable development progress by highlighting our accomplishments, identifying areas where we need to improve, and sharing our goals."

Readers will find more than 75 stories categorized by areas of the operation and will also be able to provide feedback on specific stories. Highlights from the 2009 Report include:

- Rio Tinto employees were rewarded by Salt Lake Solutions and local leaders with an Award of Excellence for eliminating 3,360 trips during the six-week Clear the Air Challenge.
- Corporate contributions to community organizations were more than \$1.1 million, and the Kennecott Utah Copper Visitor Center Charitable Foundation donated \$130,000 to support local charities.
- A vehicle idle management program has expanded from 28 to 240 vehicles. In 2009, the project has led to a reduction of 488,000 gallons of fuel, a savings of \$1.5 million in fuel and a reduction of 5,100 metric tons of CO2 emissions.
- Rio Tinto was awarded LEED® Gold Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for the Rio Tinto Distribution Center in South Jordan, Utah.
- Kennecott Land worked with homebuilders to integrate standard solar technology into homes at Daybreak. This system provides renewable energy that reduces electric bills and water heating costs.

The report can be accessed by visiting www.kennecott.com or www.kennecottland.com. The report is built in Flash and requires users to have the Flash plug in installed on their machines.

About Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the United Kingdom, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminum, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt, talc) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and Southern Africa. www.riotinto.com

About Kennecott Utah Copper

As the second largest copper producer in the United States, Kennecott Utah Copper provides about 18-25 percent of the U.S.'s copper needs. Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine is the largest man-made excavation in the world. It has produced more copper ore, 18.7 million tons, than any mine in the world.

Every year, Kennecott produces approximately 300,000 tons of copper, along with 500,000 ounces of gold, 4 million ounces of silver, about 30 million pounds of molybdenum, and about 1 million tons of sulfuric acid, a by-product of the smelting process. Rio Tinto purchased Kennecott Utah Copper in 1989 and has invested about \$2 billion in the modernization of KUC's operations. KUC has also spent more than \$350 million on the cleanup of historic mining waste and \$100 million on groundwater cleanup. KUC employs 1,800 people and hundreds of contractors. www.kennecott.com

About Kennecott Land

KLC was established by Rio Tinto in April 2001 to develop surplus mining land. Daybreak is the first testament to that vision. Daybreak is situated on 4,126 acres in the city of South Jordan where 20,000 homes and up to 13 million square feet of commercial space are planned. At KLC, sustainable development is at the heart of every business decision by balancing the complex interaction of environmental, economic and social factors. Kennecott Land does this in a way that protects and strengthens what matters most to our community: strong and safe neighborhoods, quality education, a healthy and renewable environment, and a vibrant local economy. Additional information is available at www.kennecottland.com and www.daybreakutah.com

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