

RIO TINTO PLC  
Form 425  
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**and BHP Billiton Limited**

**Pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933**

**Subject Company: Rio Tinto Plc**

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**and**

**Rio Tinto Limited**

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**The following is additional language added to the BHP Billiton s Proposed Combination**

**With Rio Tinto To Unlock Value section of the BHP Billiton website at**

**<http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/home/bhpBillitonsProposedCombinationWithRioTintoToUnlockValue.jsp>.**

On 1 November, the Board of BHP Billiton wrote to the Board of Rio Tinto proposing a combination of their respective companies to create an organisation without peer in the natural resources industry. The Board of BHP Billiton has sought and continues to seek to engage in discussions with Rio Tinto with a view to obtaining the support and recommendation of the Board of Rio Tinto for this proposal.

BHP Billiton firmly believes that the rationale for combining BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto is compelling due to the strategic fit, the expected synergies and the opportunity to create an organisation without parallel. The combination will unlock value for both BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto shareholders.