



Pacific Islanders use US Law to Sue British Mining Giant for Ecocide, Human Rights Crimes.

Rio Tinto Fact Sheet

History and Current Structure

- Rio Tinto Company was formed in 1873
- The Consolidated Zinc Corporation was incorporated in 1905
- Rio Tinto plc was formed in 1962 by the merger of The Rio Tinto Company and The Consolidated Zinc Corporation. At the same time, the Australian interests of these two companies also merged to form Rio Tinto Limited
- The two companies now function as a leading international mining group, combining Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited in a dual listed companies structure (DLC)
- The two Companies have common boards of directors which currently consist of eight executive and eight non-executive directors

Headquarters

- Rio Tinto's international headquarters is located in London, England
- The Group's representative office is located in Melbourne, Australia

Principle Product Groups

- Iron Ore
- Industrial Minerals
- Copper
- Comalco (aluminum)
- Energy
- Gold and Other Minerals

Financial Figures at the End of 1999

- Market Capitalization: Approximately \$32.1 billion
- Revenue: \$9.3 billion
- Net Earnings: \$1, 282 million
- Research and Development Investment: \$149 million for exploration and evaluation \$61 million for research
- Shareholders' funds: Increased by \$677 million in 1999 to \$7,096 million, with retention of profits of US \$528 million after dividends.

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