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Information Relating to the US Offer for Rio Tinto plc

In connection with the offer and sale of securities BHP Billiton would issue to Rio Tinto plc US shareholders and Rio Tinto plc will file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form F-4 (the **Registration Statement**), which contains a preliminary prospectus (the **Preliminary Prospectus**) and other materials with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that BHP Billiton may file with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that BHP Billiton may file with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for the Registration Statement or the Prospectus that BHP Billiton may file with the SEC.

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Investors and security holders are able to obtain a free copy of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as well as other documents filed with the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of such documents may also be obtained from BHP Billiton without charge.

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Shareholder benefits

We believe a combined BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto would provide

the ability to lower cost by optimising  
the use of assets and  
infrastructure

a more diversified asset portfolio

the ability to deliver volumes on an accelerated basis

a management team drawn from the best of both companies  
that will have exceptional experience and depth

a commitment to continue with progressive dividend policy

strong cash flows and a strong balance sheet that will allow  
re-investment throughout the cycle