

IVANHOE MINES LTD  
Form SC 13D/A  
May 24, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 17)\***

**Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Shares, without par value**  
(Title of class of securities)

**46579N**  
(CUSIP Number)

**Ben Mathews**

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**May 22, 2012**

**(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

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CUSIP No. 46579N

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON.

Rio Tinto plc

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)  (b)  (See Item 4)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANISATION

England and Wales

7  SOLE VOTING POWER

0

8  SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON

377,397,658 (see Items 3 and 5)

9  SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

0

10  SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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51.0 per cent (see Item 5)

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

HC, CO

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 17 to Schedule 13D amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D originally filed by Rio Tinto plc (Rio Tinto) and Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited (RTIH), and together with Rio Tinto and 7999674 Canada Inc., the Rio Tinto Companies) on November 3, 2006, and amended on September 12, 2007, October 26, 2007, January 7, 2008, April 10, 2008, October 30, 2009, March 4, 2010, July 7, 2010, September 13, 2010, December 14, 2010, February 4, 2011, June 28, 2011, August 24, 2011, September 27, 2011, December 12, 2011, January 26, 2012 and April 20, 2012 (as amended and supplemented, the Schedule 13D) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), relating to the common shares, without par value (the Shares), of Ivanhoe Mines Ltd., a corporation continued under the laws of the Yukon Territory, Canada (the Company).

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The information in Item 6 is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 4.

Except as otherwise set forth in Item 4 of the Schedule 13D, as amended hereby, none of the Rio Tinto Companies has any present plan or proposal that would relate to, or result in, any of the matters set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Rio Tinto Companies reserve their rights in full to change their intentions with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D as they deem appropriate.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The responses of the Rio Tinto Companies to Rows (11) through (13) of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D and the information set forth in Item 3 are hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 5.

Each of the Rio Tinto Companies is deemed to beneficially own 377,397,658 Shares which represents 51.0 per cent. of the Company's outstanding Shares on a fully diluted basis.

As the subscription price for the rights offering will not be agreed until the final prospectus, the number of Shares Rio Tinto will beneficially own following the closing of the rights offering cannot be determined at this time. However, following the closing of the rights offering, assuming Rio Tinto and other holders of rights under the rights offering exercise their rights in full and the standby commitment is not utilized, Rio Tinto will beneficially own the same percentage of Shares that it is currently deemed to beneficially own. If Rio Tinto were fully to exercise the Series D Warrants, Rio Tinto would acquire an additional 55,000,000 Shares. Following such issuance, Rio Tinto would beneficially own 432,397,658 Shares representing 54.3 per cent. of the outstanding Shares. The percentage of Shares is based on 741,386,789 outstanding Shares.

In addition, the Shares deemed beneficially owned by each of the Rio Tinto Companies with respect to which such person (i) has sole voting power, (ii) shares voting power, (iii) has sole dispositive power and (iv) shares dispositive power are listed in the responses to Items 7, 8, 9 and 10, respectively, of the cover page of this Schedule 13D relating to such person.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, none of the Rio Tinto Companies nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, beneficially owns any Shares or has the right to acquire any Shares.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, none of the Rio Tinto Companies nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, presently has the power to vote or to direct the vote or to dispose or direct the disposition of any other Shares which they may be deemed to beneficially own.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, none of the Rio Tinto Companies nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, has effected any transaction in the Shares during the past 60 days.

To the best respective knowledge of the Rio Tinto Companies, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares beneficially owned by the Rio Tinto Companies.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

On May 22, 2012, Rio Tinto agreed to amend certain terms of the Memorandum of Agreement entered into with the Company on April 17, 2012 in order to address conditions of regulatory approval and more closely align the terms of the proposed rights offering by the Company with current market conditions. The description of the amendments contained herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit O, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The amendments include the following:

Rio Tinto has confirmed it will take up its full basic subscription privilege under the US\$1.8 billion rights offering with respect to its 51 per cent. shareholding in the Company, subject to certain conditions.

Rio Tinto has agreed to eliminate the material adverse change condition for its standby commitment in relation to a decline in the Company's Share price.

Rio Tinto will continue to provide a standby commitment for the full amount of the US\$1.8 billion rights offering, subject to certain conditions including the price for the Company's Shares on the NYSE not falling below the subscription price at any time on or after the fifth business day before the expiry of the rights. Under the standby commitment, Rio Tinto is required to acquire any Shares not taken up under the rights offering.

The US\$8.34 subscription price for the rights offering will be removed. Rio Tinto and the Company have agreed to price the rights offering in the final prospectus.

In consideration of the elimination of the material adverse change clause for decline in Share price, the exercise price of Series D Warrants will be re-priced to US\$10.84 per Share, subject to adjustment upon completion of the rights offering.

The standby commitment fee will be paid in cash. Rio Tinto has agreed to waive its entitlement to invest the standby commitment fee in Shares.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 24, 2012

**Rio Tinto plc**

By: /s/ Ben Mathews  
Signature

Ben Mathews / Company Secretary  
Name/Title

**Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited**

By: /s/ Ben Mathews  
Signature

Ben Mathews / Director  
Name/Title

**7999674 Canada Inc.**

By: /s/ Ben Mathews  
Signature

Ben Mathews / Assistant Corporate Secretary  
Name/Title

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**SCHEDULE A**

The response set forth in Schedule A of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety with the information below:

**Rio Tinto plc**

**Directors and Executive Officers**

<b>Present Principal</b>				
<i>Directors</i>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Business Address</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>
	Jan du Plessis	Chairman of Rio Tinto	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
	Tom Albanese	Chief Executive of Rio Tinto	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United States of America
	Guy Elliott	Finance Director of Rio Tinto	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
	Sam Walsh	Chief Executive of the Iron Ore Group	120 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia	Australia
	Robert Brown	Company Director	1188 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H3A 3G2, Canada	Canada
	Vivienne Cox	Company Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
	Mike Fitzpatrick	Company Director	120 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia	Australia
	Ann Godbehere	Company Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace	Canada and United Kingdom

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Richard Goodmanson	Company Director	London W2 6LG United Kingdom 2 Eastbourne Terrace	United States of America
Lord Kerr	Company Director	London W2 6LG United Kingdom 2 Eastbourne Terrace	United Kingdom
Christopher Lynch	Company Director	London W2 6LG United Kingdom 120 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia	Australia

<b>Present Principal</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Business Address</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>
Paul Tellier	Company Director	1188 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H3A 3G2, Canada	Canada
John Varley	Company Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
<b><i>Executive Officers</i></b>			
Hugo Bagué	Group Executive, People and Organisation	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	Belgium
Preston Chiaro	Group Executive, Technology & Innovation	4700 Daybreak Parkway South Jordan, Utah 84095 United States	United States of America
Bret Clayton	Group Executive, Business Support and Operations	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United States of America
Jacynthe Coté	Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Alcan	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	Canada
Andrew Harding	Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Copper	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	Australia
Harry Kenyon-Slaney	Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Diamonds & Minerals	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom

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Doug Ritchie	Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Energy	3 West Tower 410 Ann Street Brisbane, QLD 4000 Australia	Australia
Debra Valentine	Group Executive, Legal and External Affairs	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United States of America

**Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited**

**Directors and Executive Officer**

***Directors***

Dan Larsen	Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United States of America
Ulf Quellmann	Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	Germany

**Present Principal**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Business Address</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>
Ben Mathews	Director	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
<i>Executive Officer</i>			
Matthew Whyte	Secretary	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom

**7999674 Canada Inc.**

**Directors and Executive Officer**

*Directors*

Jocelin Paradis	Director	1188 Sherbrooke Street West  Montreal QC H3A 3G2  Canada	Canada
Julie Parent	Director	1188 Sherbrooke Street West  Montreal QC H3A 3G2  Canada	Canada

*Executive Officer*

Jocelin Paradis	President	1188 Sherbrooke Street West  Montreal QC H3A 3G2  Canada	Canada
Lawrence Tal	Vice President	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
Brett Salt	Vice President	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	Australia
Julie Parent	Corporate Secretary	1188 Sherbrooke Street West  Montreal QC H3A 3G2  Canada	Canada

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Ben Mathews	Assistant Corporate Secretary	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom
Matthew Whyte	Assistant Corporate Secretary	2 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LG United Kingdom	United Kingdom

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