

RIO TINTO PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 18, 2010

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Dated 18 October 2010**

**Commission file number: 001-10533**

**Rio Tinto plc**

*(Translation of registrant's name into English)*

**2 Eastbourne Terrace**

**London, W2 6LG, United Kingdom**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**Commission file number: 000-20122**

**Rio Tinto Limited**

**ABN 96 004 458 404**

*(Translation of registrant's name into English)*

**Level 33, 120 Collins Street**

**Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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**Recent Event**

***Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton end plans for iron ore production joint venture***

Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton have jointly decided to end plans for an iron ore production joint venture in the Pilbara in Western Australia following extensive discussions with regulators.

Both parties have recently been advised that the proposal would not be approved in its current form by the European Commission, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Japan Fair Trade Commission, Korea Fair Trade Commission or the German Federal Cartel Office.

Some regulators have indicated they would require substantial remedies that would be unacceptable to both parties, including divestments, whereas others have indicated they would be likely to prohibit the transaction outright. The parties have mutually agreed that no break fee is payable.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

**Rio Tinto plc**

(Registrant)

By /s/ Ben Mathews

Name Ben Mathews

Title Secretary

Date 18 October 2010

**Rio Tinto Limited**

(Registrant)

By /s/ Ben Mathews

Name Ben Mathews

Title Assistant Secretary

Date 18 October 2010