

On December 19, 2011, a notice of the filing of the application was issued (Investment Company Act Release No. 29889). The notice gave interested persons an opportunity to request a hearing and stated that an order disposing of the application would be issued

unless a hearing was ordered. No request for a hearing has been filed, and the Commission has not ordered a hearing.

The matter has been considered and it is found, on the basis of the information set forth in the application, as amended, that applicant is primarily engaged in a business other than that of investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. It is further found that public disclosure of the information for which confidential treatment has been requested is neither necessary nor appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, under section 3(b)(2) of the Act, that the declaration requested by Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited (File No. 812-13777) is granted, effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, under section 45(a) of the Act, that the request for confidential treatment of certain financial and other information provided in connection with the application is hereby granted, effective immediately.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Kevin M. O'Neill
Deputy Secretary