

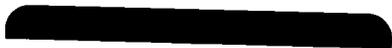
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Ms. Velma T. Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, **Rio Tinto Finance (USA) Limited** U.S.\$2,000,000,000 8.95% Notes due 2014 and U.S.\$1,500,000,000 9.00% Notes due 2019 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 4, 2009. Tentative listing date – May 8, 2009.

Sincerely,