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Press Release

Rio Tinto companies in the Salt Lake Valley release annual sustainable development report

Report communicates commitment to social, economic and environmental responsibility

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South Jordan, Utah – Kennecott Utah Copper and Kennecott Land have released their annual sustainable development report. The 2008 Sustainable Development Report for the Salt Lake Valley is the first jointly-produced report by Rio Tinto companies Kennecott Utah Copper and Kennecott Land. The report includes examples and metrics that demonstrate the companies' aim to maximize and balance social, environmental and economic values throughout the businesses.

"Providing this report every year is an important part of our corporate social responsibility," said Andrew Harding, President/CEO, Kennecott Utah Copper. "This report communicates with local communities about our successes, identifies areas where we may need to improve, and exhibits our contributions to sustainable development."

"Sharing our progress on sustainable development is an important commitment we have made to local communities," said Don Whyte, President, Kennecott Land Company. "Through this report and the subsequent feedback we receive, we can continue to make improvements in our own industries and influence change among others to improve sustainable development practices."

The 2008 Sustainable Development Report is available online - saving paper, decreasing printing and mailing costs, and giving readers an easier and interactive way to provide feedback. Readers will find more than 90 stories categorized by operation. Highlights from the 2008 sustainable development report include:

- The contribution of $1.3 million to more than 150 community organizations
- The contribution to the Utah Museum of Natural History to promote science education and an understanding of natural history
- The naming rights agreement with Real Salt Lake that creates youth programs and promotes a sense of community
- The removal from the National Priorities List, marking the end of more than two decades and $400 million invested in reclamation work
- The continued leadership in building high-efficiency buildings and promoting energy initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint and dependence on traditional energy sources
- The opening of the Rio Tinto Regional Center at Daybreak, awarded LEED® Platinum certification by the U.S. Green Building Council

The report can be accessed by visiting www.kennecott.com or www.kennecottland.com.

About Kennecott Utah Copper
As the second largest copper producer in the United States, Kennecott Utah Copper provides about 13 percent of the U.S.'s copper needs. Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine is the largest man-made excavation in the world. It has produced more copper ore, 18.1 million tons, than any mine in the world. Every year, Kennecott produces approximately 300,000 tons of copper, along with 500,000 ounces of gold, 4 million ounces of silver, about 30 million pounds of molybdenum, and about 1 million tons of sulfuric acid, a by-product of the smelting process. Rio Tinto purchased Kennecott Utah Copper in 1989 and has invested about $2 billion in the modernization of KUC's operations. KUCC has also spent more than $350 million on the cleanup of historic mining waste and $100 million on groundwater cleanup. KUC employs 1,800 people and hundreds of contractors. www.kennecott.com

About Kennecott Land Company
KLC was established by Rio Tinto in April 2001 to develop surplus mining land. Daybreak is the first testament to that vision. Daybreak is situated on 4,126 acres in South Jordan City where 20,000 homes and up to 13 million square feet of commercial space are planned. At KLC, sustainable development is at the heart of every business decision by balancing the complex interaction of environmental, economic and social factors. Kennecott Land does this in a way that protects and strengthens what matters most to our community: strong and safe neighborhoods, quality education, a healthy and renewable environment, and a vibrant local economy. www.kennecottland.com and www.daybreakutah.com

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