RIO TINTO PACIFIC HOLDINGS LIMITED

Company No 00245487

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008		
	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
CURRENT ASSETS		
Amount owed by parent company	234,283	234,283
TOTAL ASSETS	234,283	234,283
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	223,395	223,395
Other Reserves	800	800
Profit and Loss Account	10,088	10,088
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	234,283	234,283

- a) For the period ended 31 December 2008 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 18 February 2009 and signed on its behalf by:

R P Dowding Director

NOTES TO THE 2008 BALANCE SHEET

1. Share capital

Share capital		
_	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Authorised		
5,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	7,250	7,250
216,145,500 ordinary shares of US\$1.00 each	216,145	216,145
	223,395	223,395
Issued and fully paid		
5,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	7,250	7,250
216,145,500 ordinary shares of US\$1.00 each	216,145	216,145
	223,395	223,395
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2. Controlling parties

The company is controlled by Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited, which owns 100% of the issued share capital. Rio Tinto plc, registered in England and Wales, is the Company's ultimate holding company and also its ultimate controlling party at 31 December 2008. Copies of Rio Tinto Group consolidated financial statements can be obtained from 2 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LG, or from the Rio Tinto website at www.riotinto.com.