

RIO TINTO PLC
Form 6-K
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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**

18 October 2006

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Rio Tinto plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**6 St James's Square
London, SW1Y 4LD, United Kingdom**
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Rio Tinto Limited
ABN 96 004 458 404**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**55 Collins Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia**
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

No

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EXHIBIT

99.1 18 October Rio Tinto Takes Strategic Stake in Ivanhoe Mines
2006

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/ A V Lawless
Name A V Lawless
Title Secretary

Date 18 October 2006

Rio Tinto Limited
(Registrant)

By /s/ A V Lawless
Name A V Lawless
Title Assistant Secretary

Date 18 October 2006
