

RIO TINTO PLC  
Form 6-K  
October 18, 2006

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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**

**Commission File Number: 001-10533**

**Commission File Number: 000-20122**

**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

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**EXHIBIT**

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

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**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

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