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Forward-looking

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Tinto
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Disclaimer
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Information
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Rio
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Offer.
Accordingly,
Rio
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shareholders
should
carefully
consider
the
following:
The
Rio
Tinto
Limited

Offer
will
be
an
exchange
offer
made
for
the
securities
of
a
foreign
company.
Such
offer
is
subject
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disclosure
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Olympic Dam is a world class and superior resource

Strong nuclear demand growth prospects

Nuclear key to address climate change

Carbon price rewrites nuclear economics

China impact in the uranium industry

Page 5

0

20

40

60

80

100

120

140

160

Page 5

Olympic Dam: A world class resource

mt

Copper

kt

U₃O

8

moz

Au

~1100

1050

1000

Sources: Company Annual Reports and press releases (as at 30-Sep-2007).

International Atomic Energy Agency

Note: Witwatersrand figure is BHP Billiton estimate and is approximate only

a)

Based on reported resource inventory .

0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500
The largest uranium
deposit in the world
4th
largest copper
deposit in the world
0
50
100
150
200
250
5th largest gold
deposit in the world

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Olympic Dam: A world class resource

Notes:

a)

100%

of

production
shown.
Split
of
bubble
55%
Rio
Tinto,
45%
BHP
Billiton.
b)
Bubble
size
reflects
Rio
Tinto's
current
19.9%
exposure
to
Oyu
Tolgoi.
Rio
Tinto
has
options
to
increase
its
ownership
interest
to
46.6%.
Olympic Dam relative to Rio Tinto's undeveloped copper projects
La Granja
Resolution(a)
Oyu Tolgoi(b)
Pebble
Olympic Dam
0.0
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0
2.5
3.0
0
50
100

150

200

250

Contained copper equivalent mineralisation - Mt

Solid bubble = Existing production

Transparent bubble = Targeted annual production

Note: Bubble size reflects forecast annual copper capacity

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Page 8
0
2,500
5,000
7,500
10,000
12,500

15,000
1900
1910
1920
1930
1940
1950
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
2010
2020
2030

World Primary Energy Use
(million tonnes of oil equivalent)

* At a hypothetical world average growth rate of 1% p.a.

Source of data: 1965-2006: BP Statistical Review of World Energy; bntoe

= billion tonnes oil equivalent

1900-1965: Derived from Maddison, UK Select Committee on Economic Affairs.

400 bntoe

= 600 billion tonnes of hard coal

The world is well on its way to consuming as much energy in the
next 25 years as it has consumed throughout modern history

OECD

FSU

Emerging

Markets

1900-2006

Total = 400 bntoe

2007-2030

Total = 300 bntoe*

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Primary energy consumption is strongly correlated to economic development

Source: World Bank, Government Statistics for Taiwan, BP Statistical Review of World Energy (2007)

Primary energy use (tonnes of oil equiv/capita)

0

2

4
6
8
10
0
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
30,000
35,000
40,000
45,000
50,000
GDP/Capita (Jan 2008 Constant US Dollars)
China
Germany
India
Japan
Korea, Rep.
United States
Taiwan

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China's annual power output is growing at a rate equivalent to a major European country

426

400

0

500

1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
3500
1999
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007

Power output added from previous year

UK's total

power

output

today

China's Growing Power Output (in billion kWh)

Energy Issues?

Power generation and distribution

Energy efficiency and intensity

Urban environment and transport

Emissions

Page 12
Notes:
a)
Source:
International
Nuclear
Safety

Centre
at
ANL,
Aug-2005
(www.insc.anl.gov/pwrmaps/world_map.pdf).

b)
Source:
World
Nuclear
Association
(www.world-nuclear.org/info.reactors.html),
17-Oct-2007.

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Olympic Dam: Exposure to strong forecast nuclear
demand growth
especially in the East
Under construction (reactors)
33 reactors

(b)
Proposed (reactors)
> 222 reactors

(b)
Planned (reactors)
> 94 reactors

(b)
Operational (power plants)
439 reactors

(b)
Existing operational power plants
(a)

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Notes:
a)
Location
of
reactors
that

are
planned,
under
construction,
and
proposed
is
by
country,
but
does
not
necessarily
show
their
exact
geographical
location
in
a
country.

b)
Source:
International
Nuclear
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c)
Source:
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Operational (power plants)

439 reactors

(c)

Existing operational power plants and future development of nuclear power reactors

(a),(b)

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Carbon price rewrites nuclear economics

Relative economics at no carbon cost

0

50

100

150

Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Relative economics @ \$30/t CO₂

0

50

100

150

Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Relative economics @ \$50/ t CO₂

0

50

100

150

Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Sources: WNA, UIC/AUA, CERA, OECD/IEA, US DOE, UK govt, CRU group

Nuclear power is competitive with other generation technologies at current prices

At carbon cost of \$50/ t CO₂, the carbon cost of coal fired generation is on par with the capital cost for nuclear

These are indicators for the western world. Developments in other industries, such as Alumina, have proven that the Chinese are capable of substantially decreasing both lead-time and capital cost on construction, significantly reducing the issue of the substantial capital cost of nuclear power

\$/MWh

\$/MWh

\$/MWh

Capital cost

O&M cost

Fuel cost

Carbon cost

Decommissioning

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*Including wind, biomass, oil, etc

** Include power sector and non-power sector thermal coal use (excluding coking coal)

Source:NDRC power plant project database; Interviews; expert interviews; BHP Billiton;
team analysis

Uranium

What if China goes nuclear?

1,532

2,054

1,532

2,054

12%

4%

26%

33%

GW Installed

% Nuclear

Traditional China 2030 electricity
demand

Nuclear China electricity demand 2030
what if

42

17

150

88

Ktpa U308

Case B, rapid move

away from energy

intensity

Case A, low gains in
energy efficiency

337

676

251

346

426

262

400

680

Case B, rapid move

away from energy

intensity

Case A, low gains in
energy efficiency

262

555

1,281

251

346

426

182

75

Coal

Hydro

Gas

Other

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Impact of carbon emissions

Global green house gas emissions growth and abatement requirements (GT CO₂ e*)

4.8

6.7

38.5

2005

China
2.8
US
0.9
EU
8.6
RoW
45.3
59.3
2030
23**
Abatement
requirement
2030 including
abatement
RoW
EU
US
China
+155%
21.5
*
Total
emissions,
including
green
house
gas
emissions
from
non-power
sectors
**
Total
global
abatement
requirement
based
on
need
to
minimize
global
warming
to
2-3°
Celsius
Source:
WRI;
IEA;

Team
analysis
41
China
13
US
4
EU
41
RoW
Growth 2005-2030
100% = 21 GT
DSM
2.4
Other**
1.5
China Nuclear
0.8
4.5
CCS
2.7
Approach
Impact GT
-12
-24
3
15
Cost
\$/tCO₂e
GT CO₂
Ave = 7.5GT CO₂e
emission acceptable
from China in 2030
(+36% Higher than
2005 level)
4.5**
Australia
0.5
8.5
5.5
14.0
31.3

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China has been predictable in re-writing capital intensity and delivery

60-66 Months US\$3000-

US\$5000/t installed

capacity

40 Months, Greenfields

US\$1000-
1300/t installed capacity Detailed
engineering through commissioning
Copper smelters
40 Months +
400kt/yr alumina refinery
construction time 10 months
Kaiman
alumina
40 Months +
400kt/yr alumina refinery
construction time 14 months
Jinbei
Alumina
40 Months +
800kt/yr alumina refinery
construction time 10 months
East Hope
Alumina
40 Months +
10x 300mw power stations and
3500kt/yr alumina refinery
construction time 10 months
Alumina refinery
Shangdong
province
Western Benchmark
China

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Greenfields
Olympic Dam well positioned to meet energy demand
Expand open pit add
Greenfield concentrator
and hydrometallurgy
circuits and expand

smelter capacity
Further expansion of
open pit, build new
concentrator and
hydrometallurgy circuit
Sell excess concentrate
Stages
CONCEPTUAL
Output
Cu
(ktpa)
U₃O
8
(ktpa)
Au
(kozpa)
540
14
600
730
19
800
Further growth
opportunities
Add Hydrometallurgy
circuit
350
9
400
Brownfields
Optimise current
configuration
Develop open pit
production build
Greenfield concentrator
sell excess concentrate
Current
350
4.5
400
200
4.5
120
180
4
100
+3Mtpa
+2Mtpa
Mining
Concentrating &

Hydrometallurgy

Smelting

5
4
+
2
3

Notes: Unless specified all capacities are in tonnes of ore.

Actual timing of Underground phase out is not yet determined

+2Mtpa (100ktpa con)
+20Mtpa (250ktpa con)

1.1
1
2
0
0

10Mtpa
9Mtpa
0Mtpa
+20Mtpa
+20Mtpa
+20Mtpa
+20Mtpa
20Mtpa
72Mtpa
52Mtpa
10Mtpa
(500ktpa con)
+20Mtpa (800ktpa con)
+20Mtpa (800ktpa con)

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Mining investment cycle: Escondida
case study

Low price cycles

High price cycles

Discovery

Discovery

0.60

1.10

1.60

2.10

2.60

3.10

3.60

0

200,000

400,000

600,000

800,000

1,000,000

1,200,000

1,400,000

1,600,000

Grassroots

Exploration

Resource

Definition

Feasibility

& Financing

Construction

Operation and

additional growth

options

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The world at night