

FOI 0682-15 Digest of Information

Note: All names have been redacted for employees of Rio Tinto and the Foreign Office officials other than HMA Mongolia, Minister Hugo Swire and the Heads of Copper and External Affairs, Rio Tinto under Section 40: Personal Information.

1. RECORD OF MEETING BETWEEN MR SWIRE AND JEAN-SÉBASTIEN JACQUES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COPPER AND COAL, RIO TINTO, MONDAY 15 JUNE, 1100 – 1200

Record of Minister Swire meeting with Rio Tinto on 15 June

1. Jean-Sébastien Jacques, Chief Executive, Copper and Coal, Rio Tinto (RT) called on Minister Swire on the 15 June. The aim of the meeting was an opportunity for RT to brief the Minister about its global business operations and for the Minister to ask RT where the FCO can provide future support.
2. JS highlighted the economic benefits following the Mongolian government's agreement in May to develop the Oyu Tolgoi underground copper and gold mine.

The Mongolia copper mine is the biggest after Escondida in Chile, and Grasberg in Indonesia.

7. The Minister raised China in light of the State Visit later in the year. JS explained that RT had recently met [] China Department, to consider ideas for activity around the visit. JS underlined the economic significance of China in relation to Mongolia, a key customer of iron ore and copper, therefore an influential player politically for Mongolia. He went on to explain that Mongolia/China relations were good and continued to improve, reflected by the fact that 75% of Mongolia's trade was with China.
9. The Minister asked RT about engagement with the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona regarding sacred land issues.
10. The Minister thanked RT for their ongoing support to HMG backed Your Life STEM skills campaign which aims to increase take up of Maths and Physics at A-Level by 50%.
11. The Minister asked about RT support for the Chevening Scholarships Programme. JS replied that RT was supporting three Scholars at UCL and a further seven at the University of Dundee. Asked about how many end up working for RT, JS replied RT do take on a small number of the Scholars, one example of which was [], present at the meeting.
12. The Minister briefly asked about High Value Opportunities, to which JS explained RT are working with UKTI around opportunities.

2. RECORD OF MEETING BETWEEN HEAD OF PACIFIC DEPARTMENT AND GLOBAL HEAD OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, RIO TINTO, 27 JANUARY 2015

I had lunch w robert court of rio tinto earlier today, at his suggestion. Thanks for all your notes that forearmed me for the conversation. V positive conversation. Key points:

-mongolia. They remain v grateful for the work there; the non-exec chair of rio had told the fs that the support on mongolia was exemplary, the best example they'd seen of commercial diplomacy, etc. (Well done chris and team ub, and [] and team in london).

Robert understood andrew allen was covering the inter regnum until chris' successor got agrement. They had worked out who the successor was, they thought.

3. **RECORD OF MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY HEAD, PACIFIC DEPARTMENT, OYU TOLGOI AND RIO TINTO, 21 OCTOBER 2014**

You met with [] Oyu Tolgoi (OT), and [] Rio Tinto (RT) on Tuesday 21 for an update on developments between OT and the Government of Mongolia.

4. **RECORD OF MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY HEAD OF PACIFIC DEPARTMENT AND HEAD OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS, RIO TINTO, 4 AUGUST 2014**

You met with Rio Tinto's Robert Court, Global Head of External Affairs, and [] on Monday in OAB for an update on Oyu Tolgoi (OT).

5. **READOUT OF MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY HEAD, PACIFIC DEPARTMENT AND HEAD OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, RIO TINTO. 3 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Dear all,

Yesterday [] met with Rio Tinto's Global Head of External Affairs. Here is the write up from the meeting.

Rio Tinto's (RT's) Global Head of External Affairs, Robert Court, met [] Deputy Head Pacific Department on 3 September. During the meeting, Robert gave us a progress update on negotiations over the underground section of the Oyu Tolgoi (OT) mine.