

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0574-15
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. PREPARATORY MATERIAL SENT BY PACIFIC DEPARTMENT TO HUGO SWIRE

MEETING WITH JEAN-SÉBASTIEN JACQUES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COPPER AND COAL, RIO TINTO, MONDAY 15 JUNE, 1100 – 1200

STEER

You are meeting Jean-Sébastien Jacques, Chief Executive, Copper and Coal, Rio Tinto on 15 June at his request (biography attached). He would like to brief you on Rio Tinto's global business operations. This is an opportunity to highlight what the FCO has done to support their company and hear their thoughts on future engagement.

Accompanying Mr Jacques will be []

BACKGROUND

Mongolia

1. In May 2015 the Mongolian government signed an agreement with Rio Tinto to develop the Oyu Tolgoi underground copper and gold mine [] clearing the way for [] in the mine of up to US\$6 billion. Rio Tinto has committed to support Mongolian jobs in the first phase but we hope that UK companies can also take part in more opportunities in the supply chain once the second phase begins.
2. Mongolian PM Saikhanbileg is visiting London from 1-3 July and will be looking for high level HMG support

2. 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.

3. 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 [Redacted], present at the meeting.
12. The Minister briefly asked about High Value Opportunities, to which JS explained RT are working with UKTI around opportunities.