

RIO TINTO

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Death of director

It is with great sadness that the Boards of Directors of Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited announce the sudden death on 27 January 2005 of Bob Adams, 59, director for planning and development.

Bob joined the Group in 1970 and had a long and distinguished career with Rio Tinto. He became a director of Rio Tinto plc in 1991 and of Rio Tinto Limited in 1995.

Paul Skinner, chairman of Rio Tinto said: "Bob was a key figure in most of the developments that made the Group what it is today. He was greatly respected and liked by all who knew him. We will miss his wise counsel and advice."

All the directors and employees of the Group extend their sincere condolences to his wife Lesley and their three children.

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