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Rio Tinto – Board change

It is with regret that the Boards of Directors of Rio Tinto Limited and Rio Tinto plc announce the resignation of Dr Ashton Calvert AC for reasons of ill health and at his request.

Ashton joined the Boards in 2005 following a long and distinguished career in the Australian foreign service, culminating in a period as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Paul Skinner, chairman of Rio Tinto, said "Since joining the Boards, Ashton has made a major contribution to the company and has provided valuable insights across a range of major strategic issues, notably in relation to our businesses in Australia and Asia. We are very sorry that his health prevents his continuing membership of the Boards and will greatly miss his wise counsel and advice."

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