

Rio Tinto | Kennecott Utah Copper Natural History Museum of Utah Partnership Fact Sheet

The Partnership

Kennecott Utah Copper has a long history of supporting civic causes through relationships that enhance our sustainable development efforts while benefiting partnering organizations with similar goals.

In 2008, Kennecott announced a \$15 million donation to support the construction of the new Natural History Museum of Utah (NHMU). The donation included cash as well as copper that was locally-sourced from the Bingham Canyon Mine and used on the façade of the new building. Copper was identified early in the design process because of its beauty, timelessness, durability and strong local significance. Over time, the copper on the building will go from being as bright as a penny to a dark brown, and finally to a beautiful variegated Verde finish.

The donation continues a 30-year partnership with the museum and creates a world-class educational opportunity for students, residents of Utah and the many world-wide visitors that come to the state each year to learn about Utah's rich natural history. As part of the historic partnership, Kennecott also contributed to the construction process by supplying equipment, providing photographs and sharing Rio Tinto's world-class safety expertise with the construction team.

"We have a special partnership with the Natural History Museum of Utah because we share similar passions for science, education, and sustainable development," said Kennecott Utah Copper President and CEO Kelly Sanders. "I believe the Rio Tinto Center will be a valuable addition to the community and I am proud that our copper is on display at this magnificent building."

About Kennecott Utah Copper

As the second largest copper producer in the United States, Kennecott accounts for nearly 25 percent of U.S. copper production. Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine is one of the top producing copper mines in the world with total production at more than 19 million tons. In 2010, Kennecott produced approximately 296,000 tons of copper, 596,000 ounces of gold, 4.7 million ounces of silver, 28 million pounds of molybdenum and other products. Rio Tinto purchased the Bingham Canyon Mine and related facilities in 1989 and has invested more than \$2 billion in modernization. Kennecott has also spent more than \$350 million on the cleanup of historic mining waste and \$100 million on groundwater cleanup. Rio Tinto employs 2,400 people, contributes to 14,800 indirect Utah jobs and spends about \$1 billion in the state of Utah in wages, benefits, taxes and purchases from nearly 1,000 Utah area businesses every year.

About Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the United Kingdom, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminum, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and Southern Africa.