

# RioTinto

## NOMINATIONS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted by the Board of Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited on 9 December 2025

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#### 1. Purpose

The objectives of the Nominations & Governance Committee (the **Committee**) are

- to assist the Board in ensuring its composition is regularly reviewed and refreshed in order that it is effective and able to operate in the best interests of shareholders by ensuring that appointments to the Board are subject to formal, rigorous and transparent procedures and that an effective succession plan is maintained for the Board and senior management roles; and where appointments to the Board are contemplated, the Committee should lead the process for such appointments; and
- to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities on matters relating to the Company's corporate governance policies and practices.
- to oversee and monitor the corporate governance framework and make recommendations to the Board to ensure that the framework is consistent with applicable corporate governance standards.
- review developments in law, regulation and evolving practice relating to corporate governance and reporting.

#### 2. Scope

The Committee shall focus primarily on:

- a) board composition and performance;
- b) board and senior management appointments and dismissals or non-reappointment;
- c) succession planning (executive and non-executive director and senior management);
- d) Non-executive director induction and continuing development plan;
- e) overseeing the Company's corporate governance framework;
- f) monitoring and advising the Board of significant developments in applicable corporate governance laws, regulations and practices; and
- g) reviewing and recommending to the Board approval of the Company's annual governance disclosures.
- h) reviewing the Board's forward agenda.

#### 3. Membership

- 3.1. The Committee shall comprise at least four non-executive directors, including the Chair of the Board and the Chairs of the Audit & Risk Committee, Sustainability Committee and People & Remuneration Committee.

3.2. The Chair of the Board shall be the Committee Chair apart from when the Committee is dealing with the appointment of his/her successor. In the Committee Chair's temporary absence, one of the other Committee members, either nominated by the Committee Chair or elected by the Committee, will act as Committee Chair.

3.3. Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting, as and when appropriate and necessary.

#### **4. Secretary**

The Group Company Secretary, or a nominee, shall be the secretary of the Committee.

#### **5. Quorum**

5.1. A quorum of the Committee shall comprise any two Committee members.

5.2. Members of the Committee may attend in person or participate by other means, including teleconference or video conference.

#### **6. Meetings**

The Committee shall meet not less than twice a year, and at other such times as any member, or the secretary of the Committee, shall require.

#### **7. Notice of Meetings**

7.1. Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the secretary of the Committee at the request of the Committee Chair.

7.2. Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Committee. Supporting papers shall (where appropriate) be sent to Committee members and to other attendees, as appropriate, at the same time, unless the Committee Chair (acting upon the advice of the Group Company Secretary), determines that it would be inappropriate for any one or more individuals to receive them.

#### **8. Reporting Procedures**

8.1. The Committee Chair shall report to the Board after each meeting on the matters discussed and the minutes of each Committee meeting shall be received by the full Board (as appropriate).

8.2. The Committee will report to the Board on its work in discharging its responsibilities during the year and the outcomes of its formal annual evaluation and provide a report on the work of the nomination committee for inclusion in the Annual Report.

8.3. The Committee Chair (or another Committee member nominated by the Committee Chair) will attend the annual general meetings to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities.

8.4. The Committee Chair should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to their area of responsibility.

**9. Delegation**

The Committee has the delegated authority of the Board in respect of the functions and powers in these Terms of Reference. The Committee may sub-delegate any or all of its powers and authority as it thinks fit, including, without limitation the establishment of sub-committees to analyse particular issues or themes and to report back to the Committee.

**10. Resources**

10.1 The Committee shall have full authority and resources to investigate all matters falling within its Terms of Reference and accordingly, the Committee may:

- a) obtain, at the Group's expense, any external independent professional or expert advice, as it considers necessary in connection with its purpose and, if required, secure the attendance of such advisors at its meetings; and
- b) have such direct access to the Group's resources as it may reasonably require including access to management.

**11. Review and Evaluation**

The Committee will undertake a formal annual review of its effectiveness, including the role and responsibilities of the Committee, its organisation and effectiveness. These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed from time to time as appropriate.

## **Appendix - Committee Responsibilities**

### **Board Composition and Performance**

1. To review regularly the structure, size and composition of the Board and make recommendations to the Board with regard to the mix of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity. Consideration should be given to the length of service of the Board as a whole, and how best its membership can be regularly refreshed. In doing so, the Committee will conduct a regular and proactive process of planning and assessment, taking into account the Group's strategic priorities and the main trends and factors affecting the long-term success and future viability of the Group.
2. To develop and recommend to the Board processes for the evaluation of the Board's performance, as well as that of its committees and individual directors.
3. To review annually the time required to be committed to Group business by non-executive directors.
4. To review any proposed appointment of any executive director or other members of senior management to external non-executive roles and to make recommendations to the Board, having regard to the recommendation of the Corporate Governance Code that full-time executive directors should not take on more than one non-executive directorship in a FTSE 100 company or other significant appointment.
5. For both existing members of the Board and potential new appointments to the Board, review other non-executive and executive director positions held or proposed to be held by the relevant individuals and their consequent time availability to ensure that:  
(a) those relevant individuals have sufficient time to devote to their Board and Committee roles; and  
(b) any actual or perceived conflicts of interest arising from such external appointments are managed appropriately, including any situational conflicts for the purposes of the UK Companies Act.
6. To require non-executive directors to apply to the Board for approval before undertaking additional external appointments and to consider as part of that process whether the number and scale of other appointments that the Chair and/or any other non-executives is / are taking on may compromise their effectiveness.
7. Subject to paragraph 5 above, to authorise the Committee Chair, acting jointly with the Group Company Secretary and having also consulted with the Chief Executive, to approve Board members taking on additional external appointments and assignments from time to time and as appropriate.
8. To have regard to the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code stating the Chair should not remain in post beyond nine years from the date of their first appointment to the Board, noting the acknowledgment in the Corporate Governance Code that this period can be extended for a limited time to facilitate effective succession planning and the development of a diverse Board, particularly where the Chair was an existing non-executive director on appointment.

### **Board and Senior Management Appointments**

9. To evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the Board, and the future challenges affecting the business and, in the light of this evaluation,

prepare a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment. It is important that this includes a proper assessment of values and expected behaviours.

10. To lead the process for appointments to both the Board and senior management positions.
11. To nominate for the consideration of the Board potential candidates to fill executive and non-executive director vacancies as and when they arise. Open advertising and/or an external search consultancy should generally be used for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors.
12. To oversee the recruitment process for new non-executive directors including the formal assessment of each candidate and final selection process.
13. To recommend to the Board for approval, the membership of Board committees as appropriate, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and the respective committee chairs, having taken into account the technical skills and knowledge required by the Board committees.
14. Having given due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board (in the light of the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity required), to recommend to the Board the re-appointment of any non-executive director at the conclusion of their specified term of office, or the election or re-election of directors by shareholders.
15. To confirm the terms of the formal letter of appointment for a new non-executive director, setting out clearly what is expected in terms of time commitment, committee service and involvement outside of Board meetings.

### **Succession Planning**

16. To review succession planning for the Board and senior management, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the Group and the mix of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity needed in the future, making recommendations to the Board, as appropriate. Succession planning should consider the following time horizons: contingency planning; medium-term planning and long-term planning.
17. To oversee the development of a diverse pipeline of talent for succession to Board and senior management roles, which may include adopting an active interest in how talent is managed throughout the Group.
18. To monitor the leadership needs of the Group, both executive and non-executive, with a view to ensuring the continued ability of the Group to compete effectively in the marketplace.

### **Board induction and continuing development plan**

19. Ensure that all new directors receive a comprehensive and tailored induction programme on joining the board, designed to provide an understanding of the Company's purpose, strategy, values, operations and governance framework.
20. Oversee the ongoing effectiveness of this programme and ensure it is updated to reflect emerging priorities and regulatory expectations.

21. Periodically review the adequacy of director training and development, ensuring opportunities are provided for directors to maintain and enhance their knowledge of the business, the external environment, and their responsibilities as directors.

#### **Governance framework**

22. To oversee the Group's corporate governance framework and practices
23. Keep under review the Company's compliance with the applicable governance frameworks and practices, and to report to the Board the conclusions of such review, make recommendations regarding changes to the Company's corporate governance practices that the Company considers necessary or desirable following any such review.

#### **Significant developments in the law and practice of corporate governance**

24. To advise the Board periodically with respect to significant developments in the law and practice of corporate governance.
25. To make recommendations to the Board on all matters of corporate governance including on proposed changes to existing corporate governance policies, structures or practices.

#### **Governance disclosures and reporting**

26. Review the corporate governance disclosures to be contained in the Annual Report before submission to the Board, focusing on any areas in which the Company has departed from governance provisions.
27. Review and recommend approval by the Board of the Notice of Meetings of the Annual General Meetings of Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited.

### Approvals History

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