Mining and processing aluminium, iron ore, titanium and ilmenite to produce the materials essential to human progress

- Mines and mining projects
- Smelters, refineries, processing plants, port, rail, shipping and power facilities remote from mine
- Technology and Innovation centres
- Offices
- Greenfield projects
- Brownfield projects

6,884 direct jobs
29,117 total jobs

$147K average wage

Rio Tinto employees are on average paid three times more than the average salary in the province

$5.3B to Québec GDP
$631M of government revenue

and spent $2.8B in the province

ELYSIS partnership with Alcoa, supported by Apple and governments of Canada and Québec, a breakthrough technology that eliminates direct greenhouse gas emissions from the aluminium smelting process

100% carbon free energy portfolio to produce our aluminium

Montreal is home to one of Rio Tinto’s global hubs

Figures are from a Deloitte study commissioned by Rio Tinto in 2019 to evaluate our economic contribution to Canada.
A important hub for our aluminium business

The Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean region is responsible for close to half of our global aluminum production. Our operations in the area include an alumina refinery, four wholly owned smelters, six hydropower plants, our Arvida Research and Development Centre, the Aluminium Operational Centre, a rail network and one port.

We are proud that our Montreal office, the headquarters for Rio Tinto’s Aluminium business, was named a global hub for Rio Tinto’s operations. The expansion of Montreal’s responsibilities reflects our deep commitment to our businesses in Canada for the long term.”

Alf Barrios
Chief Executive
Rio Tinto Aluminium

The Rio Tinto Aluminium Canada Fund contributes to the region’s non-profit organisations in five areas: First Nations, education, environment, health and well-being, and community. We partner with AlloProf to improve education in communities across Quebec, an initiative that offers interactive study sessions to 400,000 students in the province. We also support a centre to prevent drop-out in the Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean region by working with teachers and educators to help young people throughout their journey to graduation.

Rio Tinto Fer et Titane (RTFT) has operated in Quebec for 70 years and pioneered the process of removing iron from ilmenite. RTFT operates an open cast titanium dioxide mine at Lac Tio near Havre-Saint-Pierre and, at its metallurgical complex in Sorel-Tracy, extracts high-quality titanium dioxide feedstock, pig iron, steel and metal powders from the ore.