Employment policy

We require safe and effective working relationships at all levels around the Group. Whilst respecting different cultures, traditions and employment practices, we share common goals, in particular the elimination of workplace injuries, and are committed to good corporate values and ethical behaviour.

Rio Tinto employs on the basis of job requirements and does not discriminate on grounds of age, ethnic or social origin, gender, sexual orientation, politics or religion. We may make exceptions to favour local employment where local laws provide. The Group does not employ forced, bonded or child labour.

Being trained to work, and then working, in safe, healthy and environmentally responsible ways comes first and foremost. Beyond that, Rio Tinto believes in enabling employees to develop to the extent of their abilities. We improve our skills and competencies by regular performance reviews, recognising potential, undertaking education, training and coaching as appropriate, and offering professional development opportunities within the Group.

Rio Tinto expects managers to be models of the highest standards of behaviour. We treat each other and those we deal with externally with dignity, fairness and respect. We guard against harassment in the workplace and neither abuse nor misuse our positions or facilities for personal purposes. We respect our obligations to our colleagues and employer. We work together within and across businesses, cultures and countries to raise performance.

Group businesses' codes of conduct establish sound conditions of work and disciplinary procedures. The Group implements equitable and transparent remuneration and incentive systems. Rio Tinto recognises everyone's right to choose whether or not they wish to be represented collectively.

We live up to the letter and spirit of *The way we work* and our code of conduct.