Dear Colleagues,
 
 
Thank you
 for your message regarding IUCN's collaborative agreement with Rio Tinto. As with all IUCN activities, 
this is part of our Union’s ongoing commitment to achieve our mission: 
 
‘to influence, encourage and
 assist 
societies
 throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature
 and to ensure that any use of 
natural resources
 is equitable and ecologically sustainable
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 Society does of course include the business sector. IUCN is therefore entering into this relationship based on the 
requirements of its mission and on principles of engagement with the private sector called for by recent IUCN 
Congresses and approved by the IUCN Council. We are fully cognizant of IUCN's long history and credibility
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As 
a
 result of the lengthy due diligence process that 




relationship with Rio Tinto can be beneficial to people and nature and would not be in any way ‘green washing’


Rio Tinto is
 the only company to have publicly committed to make a ‘net positive impact on biodiversity

aspires to lead the mining sector in this area.

 
I assure IUCN Members that we will strictly adhere to IUCN's mission and values in all our interactions with Rio 
Tinto, as we do with all members of society

regular information about our interactions with Rio Tinto on the Business and Biodiversity webpage (
http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/business/bbp_our_work/rio_tinto/
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 and will be grateful to receive 
advice from our Members about issues that need to be addressed in their countries or regions. 
 
 
The democratic nature of IUCN provides opportunities for 
Members to express their opinions about the Union’s 
actpositive difference in the way 
business operates and that IUCN therefore can continue to influence societies to use nature in more sustainable