THE TAKEOVER PANEL

GUY ELLIOTT

Guy Elliott has submitted his resignation from the Takeover Panel to focus his

attention on legal proceedings brought by the SEC regarding his former employment

with Rio Tinto plc.

Commenting on this Michael Crane QC, Chairman of the Takeover Panel, said:

"Guy has made a contribution of enormous value to the Panel previously as a member

and for the last four years as Chairman of the Code Committee. I accept his

resignation with real regret. Guy is a colleague whom I greatly respect and he has my

best wishes in stepping down to deal with his current difficulties."

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