

11.6.2012

Suomen Olympiakomitea  
Roger Talermo, President  
Radiokatu 20  
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Dear Sir,

RE: 'NO' TO RIO TINTO'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE 2012 LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES

It is with a serious concern that we have noted the involvement and association of Rio Tinto with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). This association is in stark contrast to the values of the Olympic spirit in that Rio Tinto violates the Olympic spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play in its treatment of its employees, their families and communities.

Rio Tinto, besides being a corporate sponsor of the 2012 London Olympics, is providing 99 per cent of the metal for the London Olympic medals, thereby tarnishing the medals with the company's reprehensible and abhorrent labour practices and behaviour. The Gold for the medals are mined at one of Rio Tinto's mining operations in Utah, in the United States of America. Rio Tinto presents itself to the public and investor community as a responsible and ethical mining company that is committed to sustainable development. However, its track record tells a different story. Rio Tinto has been the subject of criticism and legal action on allegations related to environmental damage, human rights abuses and labour violations in countries around the world. Here are just a few examples of Rio Tinto's track record...

- Alleged forcible eviction of citizens, contamination of local waterways, and human rights violations at the Kelian Gold Mine in Indonesia.
- Rio Tinto executives have been found guilty of bribery and stealing commercial secrets by a Chinese court and sentenced to lengthy jail terms.
- Environmental damage and pollution at U.S. mines in Utah, Michigan and Wisconsin.
- Disregard for local communities and the environment at mines in Namibia, Madagascar and Cameroon.
- Allegations of massive environmental destruction and serious human rights violations at the Grasberg Mine in West Papua, Indonesia.
- Lockouts of workers in Boron, California and Alma, Quebec in the past two years.

The Finnish Metalworkers' Union cannot, in clean conscience, allow this injustice perpetrated by Rio Tinto with careless and reckless abandon to go unchallenged. We call upon the National Olympic Committee to reflect on these realities as they prepare their finest young men and women athletes to take part in this noble sporting event. We urge you to raise this important issue to the IOC tell them to take Rio Tinto "Off the Podium" and ensure that our Olympians wear medals of pride, not medals of dishonor.

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We fully support the mineworkers in Alma, Quebec and will take necessary action to show our solidarity and commitment to ensuring a resolution is reached immediately.

Best Regards,

FINNISH METALWORKERS' UNION



Riku Aalto  
President

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