

IVANHOE MINES LTD  
Form SC 13D/A  
August 25, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 12)\***

**Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Shares, without par value**  
(Title of class of securities)

**46579N**  
(CUSIP Number)

**Ben Mathews**

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**August 24, 2011**

**(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

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CUSIP No. 46579N

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON.

Rio Tinto plc

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)  (b)  (See Item 4)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANISATION

England and Wales

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8 SHARED VOTING POWER

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SHARES  
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OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON

358,158,442 (see Items 3 and 5)

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

358,158,442 (see Items 3 and 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

358,158,442 (see Items 3 and 5)

**12** CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN

SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) ..

**13** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

48.5 per cent (see Item 5)

**14** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 12 to Schedule 13D amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D originally filed by Rio Tinto plc (Rio Tinto ) and Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited (RTIH ) on November 3, 2006, and amended on September 12, 2007, October 26, 2007, January 7, 2008, April 10, 2008, October 30, 2009, March 4, 2010, July 7, 2010, September 13, 2010, December 14, 2010, February 4, 2011, and June 28, 2011 (as amended and supplemented, the Schedule 13D ) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), relating to the common shares, without par value (the Shares ), of Ivanhoe Mines Ltd., a corporation continued under the laws of the Yukon Territory, Canada (the Company ).

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is amended and supplemented as follows:

On August 24, 2011, RTIH exercised its Subscription Right to acquire Common Shares issued by the Company under the December 2010 Heads of Agreement in respect of 27,896,570 Shares, at CDN\$18.98 per Share, being the volume weighted average price of the Shares on the TSX on the five (5) trading days immediately before August 24, 2011.

The funds for the purchase were obtained by RTIH from the working capital of Rio Tinto.

RTIH issued a press release announcing the exercise of the Subscription Right on August 24, 2011, which is filed as Exhibit K hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is amended as follows:

Subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of existing contractual obligations set out herein, Rio Tinto and RTIH have the intention to acquire, directly or indirectly, such number of Shares (or securities convertible or exchangeable into Shares) that would result in them holding in aggregate up to 49.0 per cent of the Shares outstanding. Any such acquisitions or arrangements to acquire Shares (or other securities convertible or exchangeable into Shares) may be made in the secondary market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Except as set out in this Schedule 13D, neither Rio Tinto nor RTIH have any other present intention to acquire securities of the Company; however, they intend to review their investment on a regular basis and, as a result thereof and subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of existing contractual obligations set out herein, depending upon their assessment of the Company's business, prospects and financial condition, the market for the Company's securities, general economic and tax conditions, and other factors, may in the future take such actions with respect to its investment in the Company as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, availing themselves of their rights to acquire additional securities of the Company, seek additional representation on the board of the Company, and make proposals to the Company, alone or jointly with a third party, concerning the long-term structure of its existing investment, a direct ownership interest in the OT Project or other changes to the capitalization, ownership structure or operations of the Company.

As disclosed previously in the Schedule 13D, RTIH has confirmed to The Government of Mongolia that it will not sell or transfer to a person controlled by a foreign government any shares it may from time to time hold in the Company, OT LLC or another subsidiary of the Company that is a direct or indirect shareholder of OT LLC without the consent of The Government of Mongolia.



Except as otherwise set forth in Item 4 of the Schedule 13D, as amended and supplemented hereby, neither Rio Tinto nor RTIH, has any present plan or proposal that would relate to, or result in, any of the matters set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rio Tinto and RTIH reserve their rights in full to change their intentions with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D as they deem appropriate.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The responses of Rio Tinto and RTIH to Rows (11) through (13) of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D and the information set forth in Item 3 are hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 5.

Pursuant to the exercise of the Subscription Rights, RTIH will acquire 27,896,570 Shares at an average subscription price of approximately CDN\$18.98 per share.

Therefore, each of Rio Tinto and RTIH is deemed to beneficially own 358,158,442 Shares which, assuming the exercise of the Subscription Right, and the 27,896,570 Shares which will be acquired would represent approximately 48.5 per cent of the Company's outstanding Shares on a fully diluted basis.

The percentage of the class of securities identified pursuant to Item 1 beneficially owned by each of Rio Tinto and RTIH is based on 710,590,047 Shares.

In addition, the Shares deemed beneficially owned by each of Rio Tinto and RTIH with respect to which such person (i) has sole voting power, (ii) shares voting power, (iii) has sole dispositive power and (iv) shares dispositive power are listed in the responses to Items 7, 8, 9 and 10, respectively, of the cover page of this Schedule 13D relating to such person.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, neither Rio Tinto nor RTIH nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, beneficially owns any Shares or has the right to acquire any Shares.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, neither Rio Tinto nor RTIH nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, presently has the power to vote or to direct the vote or to dispose or direct the disposition of any of the Shares which they may be deemed to beneficially own.

Except as disclosed in this Schedule 13D, neither Rio Tinto nor RTIH nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed in Schedule A hereto, has effected any transaction in the Shares during the past 60 days.

To the best knowledge of Rio Tinto and RTIH, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares beneficially owned by Rio Tinto and RTIH.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description   |
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| A              | Joint Filing Agreement between Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited                             |
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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 25, 2011

**Rio Tinto plc**

By: /s/ Matthew Whyte  
Signature

Matthew Whyte / Assistant Company Secretary  
Name/Title

**Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited**

By: /s/ Matthew Whyte  
Signature

Matthew Whyte / Secretary  
Name/Title

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**SCHEDULE A**

The response set forth in Schedule A of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety with the information below:

**Rio Tinto plc**

**Directors and Executive Officers**

**Present Principal**

| <b>Name<br/><i>Directors</i></b> | <b>Occupation</b>                        | <b>Business Address</b>   | <b>Citizenship</b>       |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Jan du Plessis                   | Chairman of Rio Tinto                    | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United Kingdom           |
| Tom Albanese                     | Chief Executive of Rio Tinto             | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United States of America |
| Guy Elliott                      | Finance Director of Rio Tinto            | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United Kingdom           |
| Sam Walsh                        | Chief Executive of the Iron<br>Ore Group | 120 Collins Street<br>Melbourne Victoria 3000<br>Australia          | Australia                |
| Robert Brown                     | Company Director                         | 1188 Sherbrooke Street<br>West, Montreal, Quebec<br>H3A 3G2, Canada | Canada                   |
| Vivienne Cox                     | Company Director                         | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United Kingdom           |
| Sir Rod Eddington                | Company Director                         | 120 Collins Street<br>Melbourne<br>Victoria 3000<br>Australia       | Australia                |

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|                    |  |   |                           |
|--------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Mike Fitzpatrick   | Company Director   | 120 Collins Street<br>Melbourne<br>Victoria 3000<br>Australia       | Australia                 |
| Yves Fortier       | Company Director   | 1188 Sherbrooke Street<br>West, Montreal, Quebec<br>H3A 3G2, Canada | Canada                    |
| Ann Godbehere      | Company Director   | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | Canada and United Kingdom |
| Richard Goodmanson | Company Director   | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United States of America  |
| Andrew Gould       | Chairman and Chief Executive<br>Officer of Schlumberger Ltd. | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom             | United Kingdom            |

**Present Principal**

| <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Occupation</b>                                | <b>Business Address</b>   | <b>Citizenship</b>       |
|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| Lord Kerr                        | Company Director                                 | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | United Kingdom           |
| Paul Tellier                     | Company Director                                 | 1188 Sherbrooke Street<br>West, Montreal, Quebec<br>H3A 3G2, Canada   | Canada                   |
| <b><i>Executive Officers</i></b> |  |   |                          |
| Hugo Bagué                       | Group Executive, People and Organisation         | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | Belgium                  |
| Preston Chiaro                   | Group Executive, Technology & Innovation         | 4700 Daybreak Parkway<br>South Jordan,<br>Utah 84095<br>United States | United States of America |
| Bret Clayton                     | Group Executive, Business Support and Operations | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | United States of America |
| Jacynthe Coté                    | Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Alcan               | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | Canada                   |
| Andrew Harding                   | Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Copper              | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | Australia                |
| Harry Kenyon-Slaney              | Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Diamonds & Minerals | 2 Eastbourne Terrace<br>London W2 6LG<br>United Kingdom               | United Kingdom           |
| Doug Ritchie                     | Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Energy              | 3 West Tower<br>410 Ann Street  | Australia                |

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**Rio Tinto International Holdings Limited**

**Directors and Executive Officer**

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United Kingdom

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Director

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**Present Principal**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                                 |                   | London W2 6LG           |                    |
|                                 |                   | United Kingdom          |                    |
| Ben Mathews                     | Director          | 2 Eastbourne Terrace    | United Kingdom     |
|                                 |                   | London W2 6LG           |                    |
|                                 |                   | United Kingdom          |                    |
| <b><i>Executive Officer</i></b> |                   |                         |                    |
| Matthew Whyte                   | Secretary         | 2 Eastbourne Terrace    | United Kingdom     |
|                                 |                   | London W2 6LG           |                    |
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