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Chinalco welcomes German competition authority decision on Rio Tinto transaction

The Aluminum Corporation of China ("Chinalco") is pleased to announce that, on 31 March 2009, the German competition authority, the Federal Cartel Office, approved its proposed transaction with Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Limited.

The Federal Cartel Office's decision satisfies one of the pre-conditions to implementation of the transaction.

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