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MEDIA STATEMENT

Appointment of Chris Blenkiron as NZAS Chief Executive and General Manager

Rio Tinto has appointed Chris Blenkiron to the role of Chief Executive and General Manager of New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter (NZAS). Chris will begin the role in early 2022.

With over 15 years' experience in a range of leadership roles in manufacturing and building products businesses across New Zealand, Australia, and Asia, Chris is well placed to lead operations at Tiwai Point.

Chris is currently the President of NS BlueScope Indonesia and has previously held the role of GM Market, Sales and Business Development at New Zealand Steel.

Rio Tinto Acting Managing Director Pacific Operations Dan van der Westhuizen said; "Chris has demonstrated a strong people focused approach to delivering business outcomes and I believe he is the right fit to lead the excellent team at Tiwai. His depth of experience in forming lasting partnerships with key stakeholders will be important for NZAS, as we work with our community on the future of the Southland region.

"Under Chris' leadership the team will build on Tiwai's fifty-year legacy of producing the world's lowest carbon, highest purity aluminium."

"Chris will play a vital role in managing important relationships and overseeing the company's obligations and wider role in New Zealand," says Mr van der Westhuizen.

A New Zealander with a commitment to becoming a vibrant member of the Southland community, Chris holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Otago University.

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