Rio Tinto in Africa – a long history and a strong future

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Rio Tinto – a world leader in mining

Iron ore

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Aluminium

Copper and Diamonds

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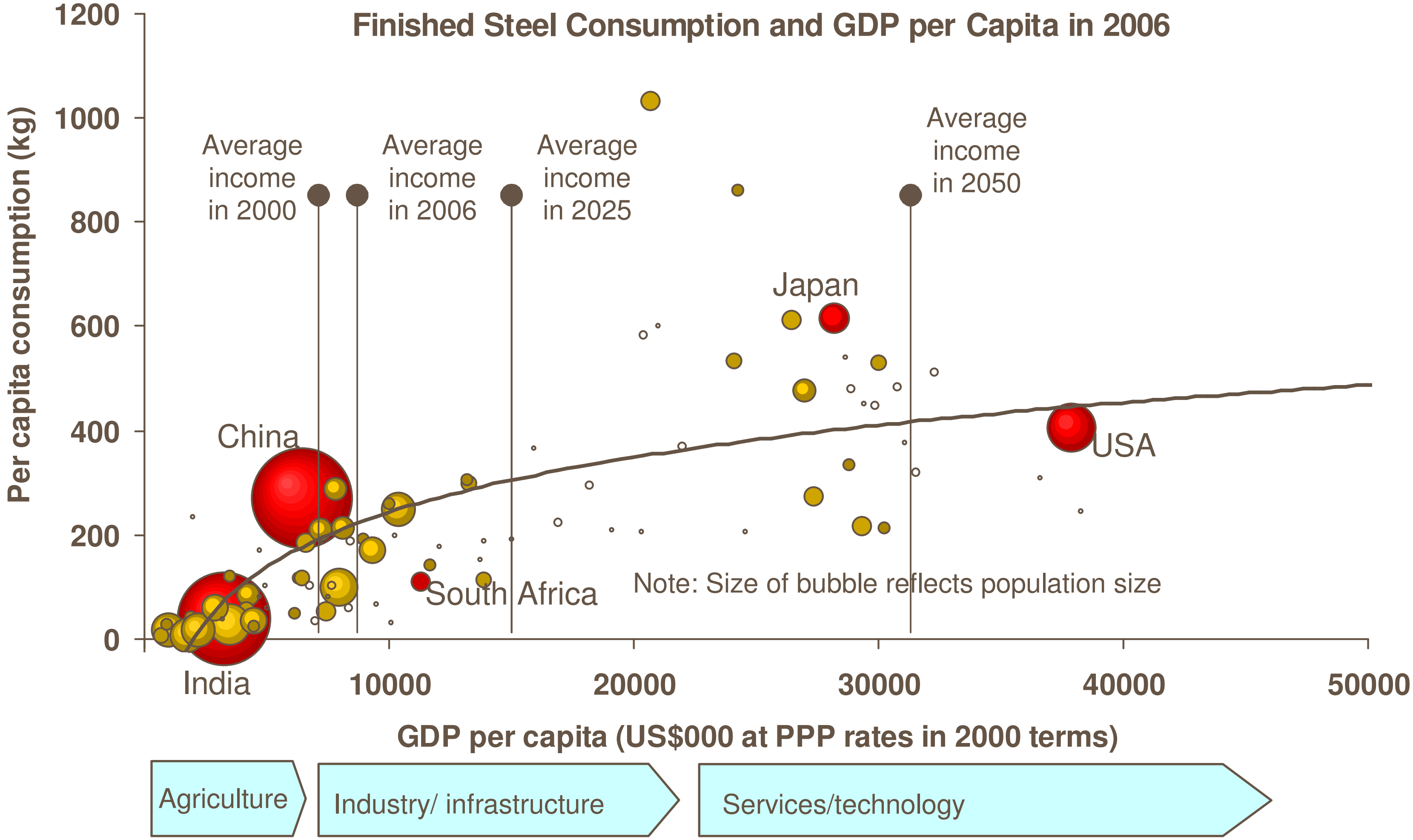
Steel demand in populous emerging markets is following a well trodden path of steel intensive development



Saturation point depends on the nature of materials usage in individual countries and development of new applications such as consumer electronic products

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Rio Tinto strategy and future direction

- Continuing focus on the creation of shareholder value
- Clear strategic direction and management focus
- Pursuit of the highest quality assets wherever they are located
- Leadership in sustainable development
- Inventory of tier one growth opportunities and options
- Project execution skills underpin our growth
- More tonnes, faster, in strong pricing environment

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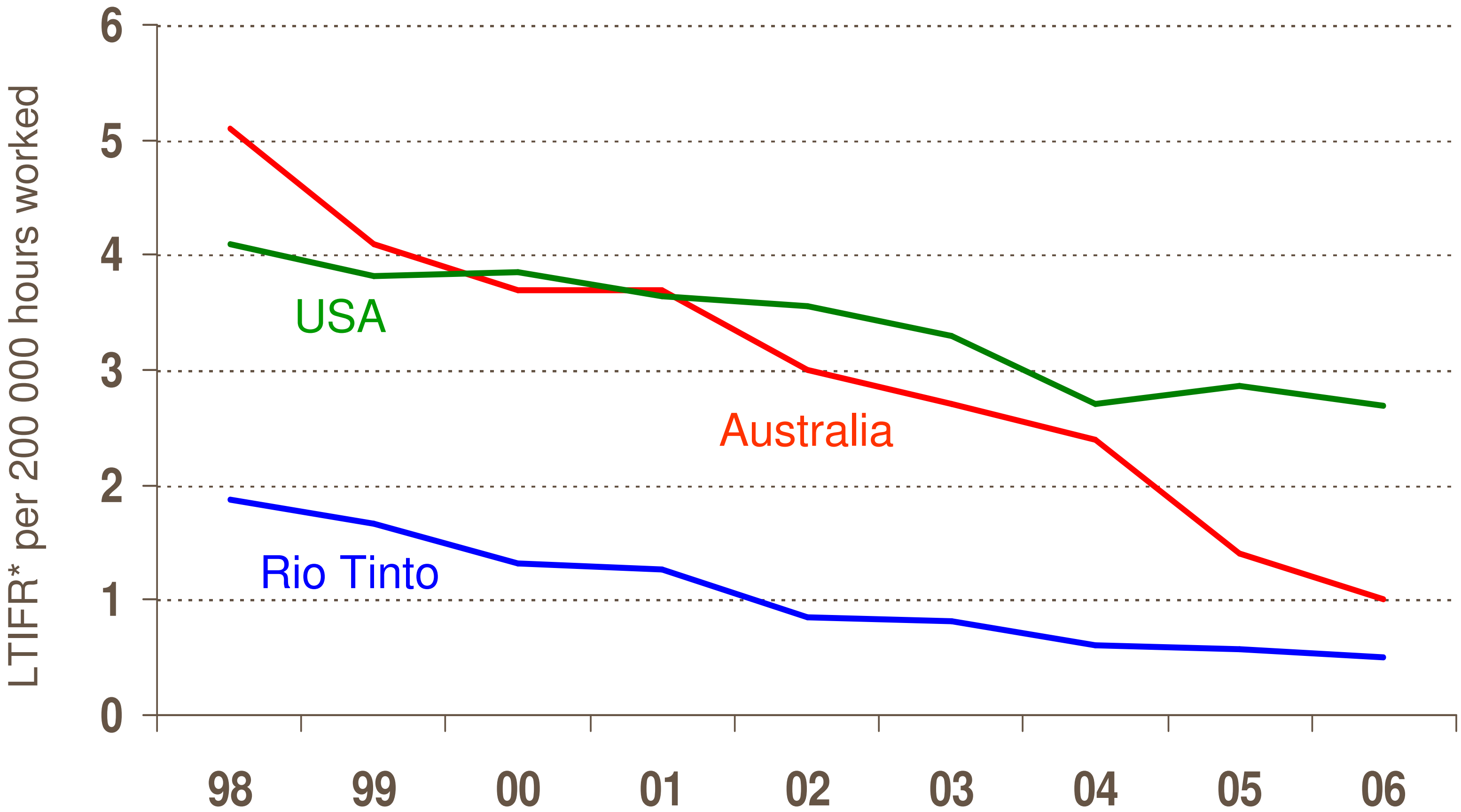
Rio Tinto - a leader in safety



Note: Data for Australia (source: Minerals Council of Australia) and the USA (source: USA Minerals Council) has been normalised to include restricted workdays and contractors in the LTIFR calculation.

** LTIFR (lost time injury frequency rate)*

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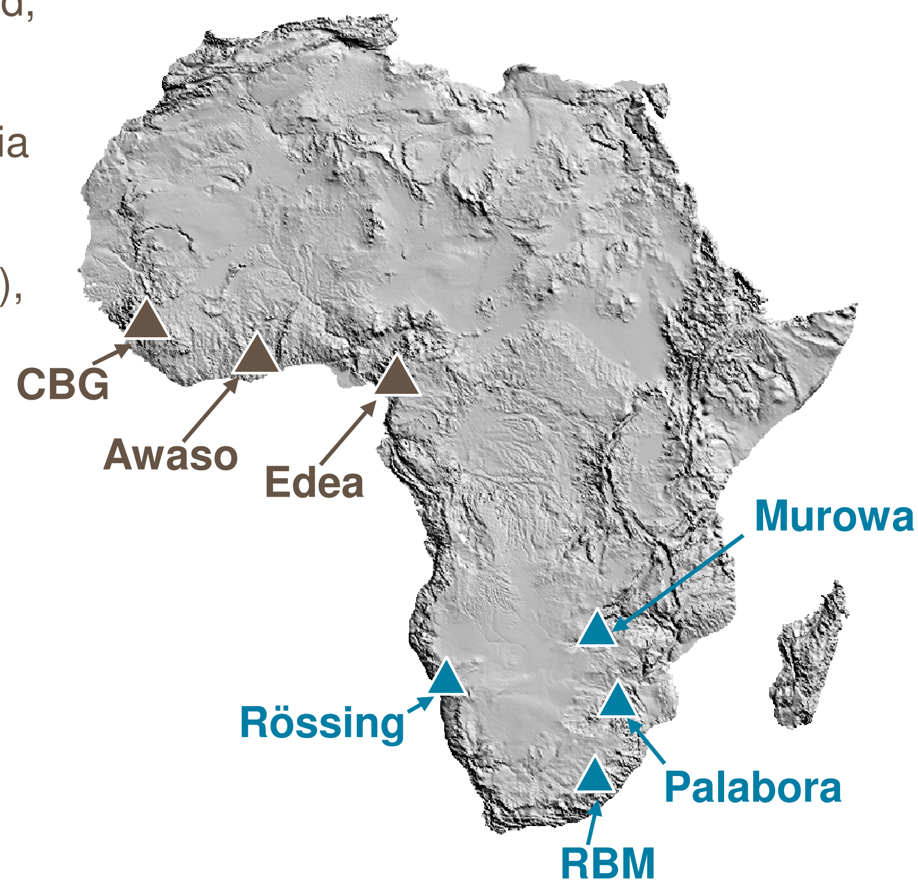
Rio Tinto has a long history in Africa

Mines

- 1964 Palabora Mining Company Ltd, RSA (58%)
- 1976 Rössing Uranium Ltd, Namibia (69%)
- 1977 Richards Bay Minerals (RBM), RSA (50%)
- 2004 Murowa Diamonds (Private) Limited, Zimbabwe (78%)

2007 Acquisitions

- CBG Bauxite, Guinea (23%)
- Awaso Bauxite, Ghana (80%)
- Edea Smelter, Cameroun (47%)



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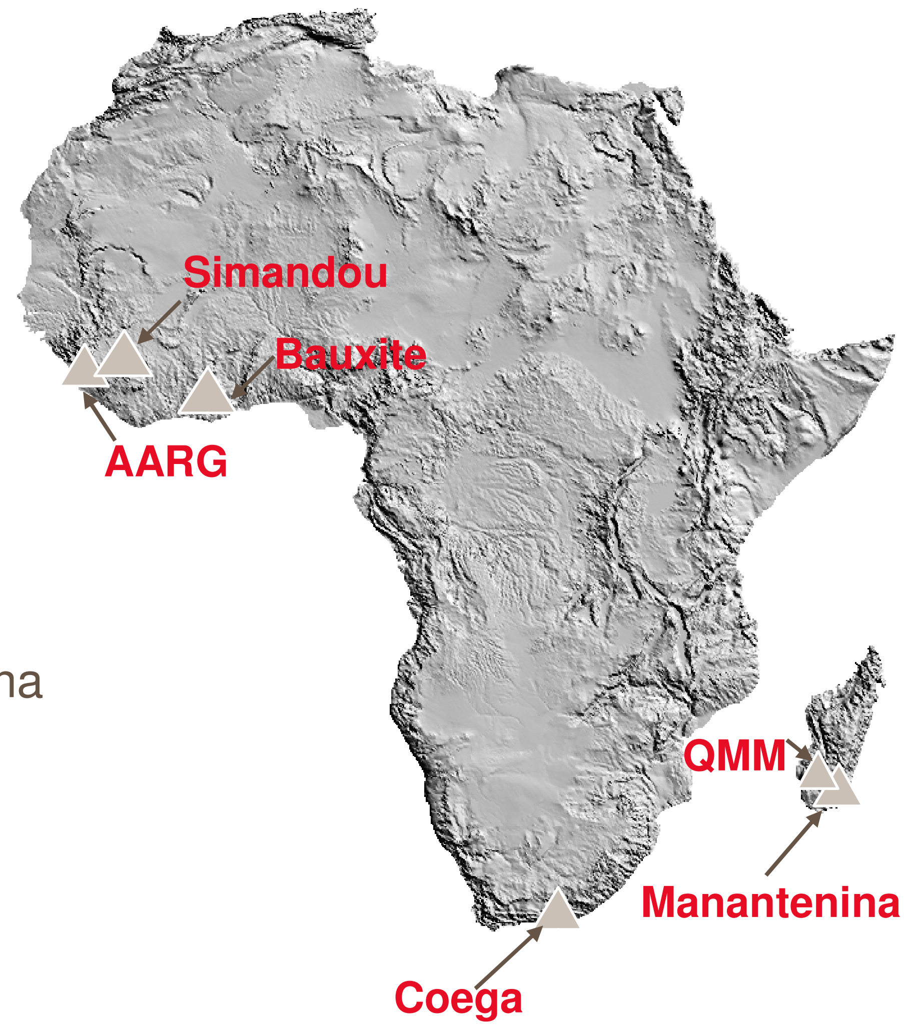
And high quality development projects in the pipeline

Development projects

- QIT Madagascar Minerals, Madagascar (80%)
- Simandou iron ore, Guinea (95%)
- Coega smelter, RSA (80%)

- Alcan–Alcoa Refinery, Guinea
- Bauxite Mine & Refinery, Ghana
- Manantenina bauxite mine & refinery, Madagascar



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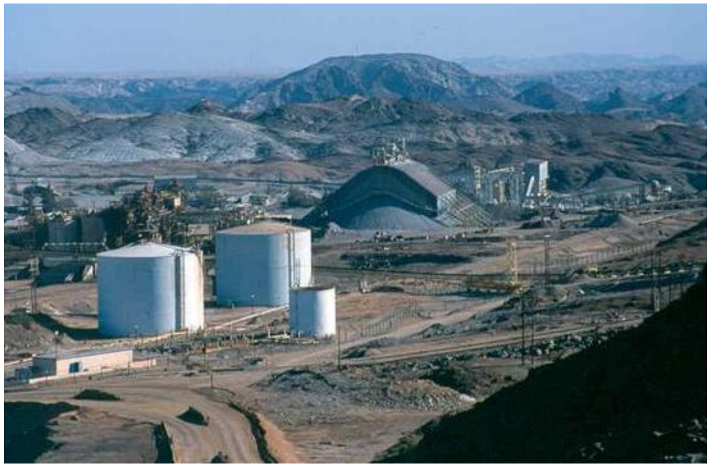
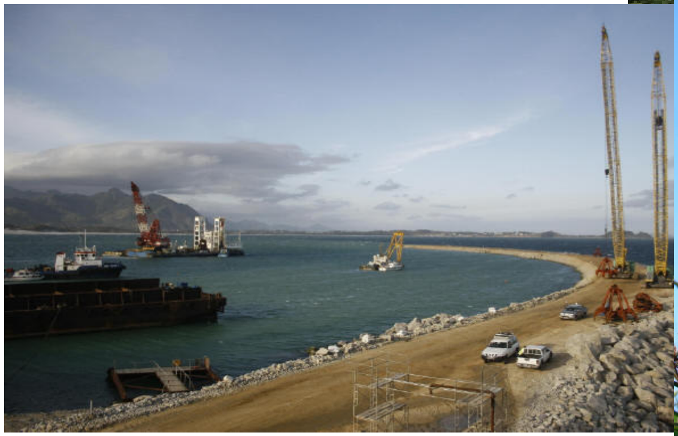
Rossing uranium – expanding in a strong market

- Operating in Namibia since 1976
- Dec 05 life of mine extension US$112M
- Brownfields exploration potential
- Rossing foundation
- Education, employment and training
- Health and safety



Madagascar - ilmenite

- First production end of 2008
- High quality ilmenite, slag of 90% TiO_2
- Environmental and social programs
- Development together with World Bank
- Biodiversity management
- Phase 1: 750 000 tonnes per annum
- Potential to expand to 1.7 million tonnes



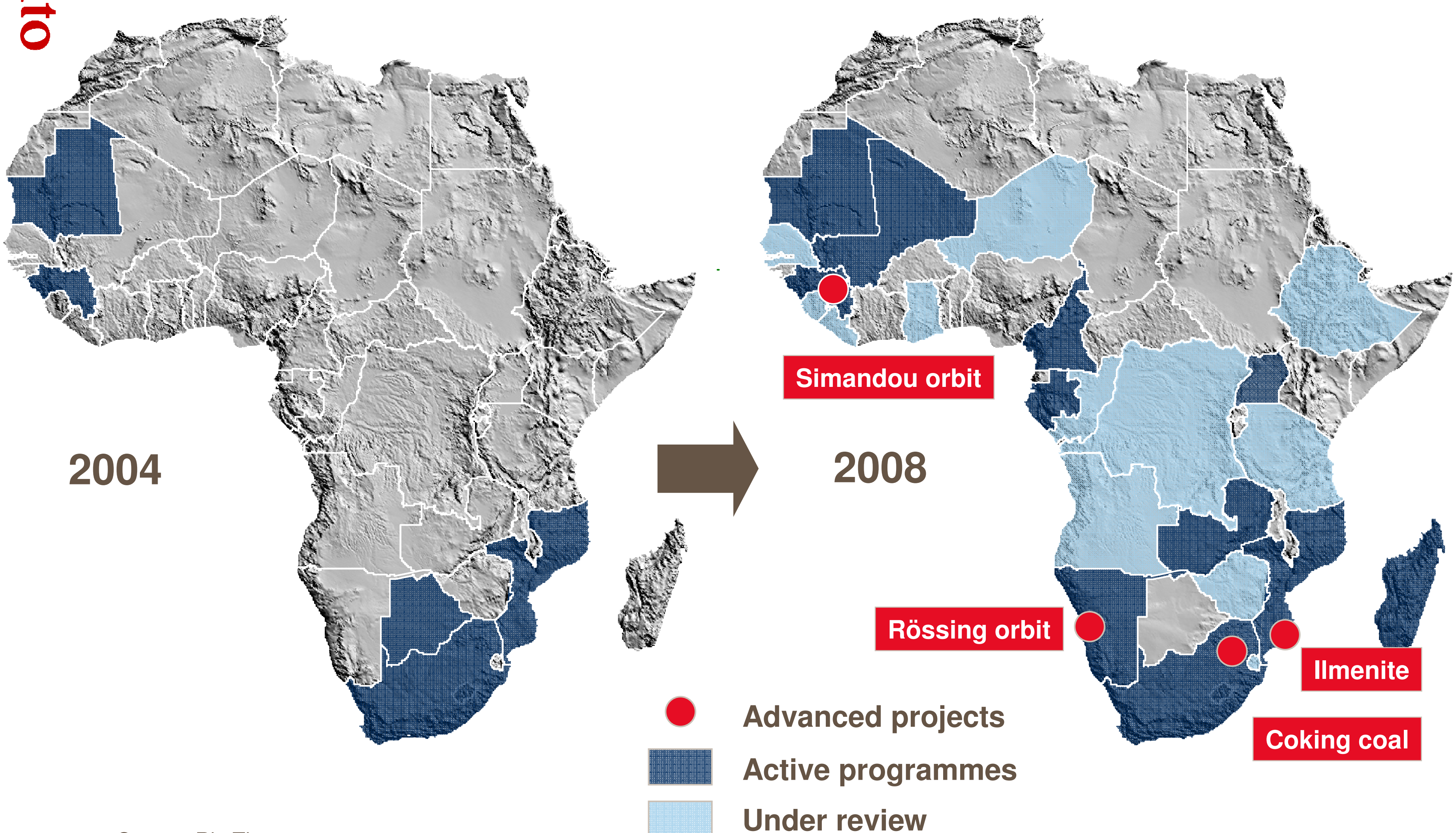
Simandou iron ore project - Guinea

- High grade iron ore resources
- Extensive infrastructure under study
- Total capital costs estimated to exceed US$6 billion
- Pre-feasibility underway
- Production – target late 2013
- Significant revenue to Guinea
- Extensive interaction with multilaterals to discuss how the development of Simandou can best benefit Guinean society

Palabora, the first in a new generation of block caves

- Successful extension of a brown field site
- Probably the most productive single shaft mine in the world
- Innovations and success in cave initiation, secondary breaking and cave management
- Palabora underground is now operating at 10% above design capacity

Rio Tinto Exploration in Africa – 2004 vs 2008



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