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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE TO
(Rule 14d-100)**

**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 17)

Alcan Inc.

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

Rio Tinto Canada Holding Inc.

an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc
and

Rio Tinto plc

(Names of Filing Persons (Offeror))

Common Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

(013716105)

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized
to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Bidders)

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| Transaction Valuation(1) | Amount of Filing Fee(1)(2) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$19,065,207,127 | \$585,302 |

(1) For purposes of calculating the filing fee pursuant to Rule 0-11(d) only, the transaction value of the Alcan Common Shares to be received by Rio Tinto, assuming acceptance of the Offer by holders in the United States, is calculated as follows: 188,764,427 Alcan Common Shares in the United States, representing 50% of the entire issued share capital, multiplied by \$101, the cash consideration being offered per Alcan Common Share, which yields \$19,065,207,127, multiplied by 0.0000307, which yields \$585,302. Each of the capitalized terms used is defined below.

(2) Sent via wire transfer to the SEC on July 24, 2007.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This Amendment No. 17 further amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 24, 2007 (as amended, the "Schedule TO"), by Rio Tinto plc and by Rio Tinto Canada Holding Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning given to them in the Circular filed as Exhibit (a)(1)(A) to the Schedule TO.

Rio Tinto issued a press release relating to the Offer, dated October 4, 2007. This press release has been filed as Exhibit (a)(5)(Z) hereto and is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS

- (a)(1)(A)° Circular, dated July 24, 2007.
- (a)(1)(B)° Form of Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(1)(C)° Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(1)(D)° Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(1)(E)° Form of Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(5)(A)° Summary Advertisement in *The Wall Street Journal*, dated July 24, 2007.
- (a)(5)(B)° Press release announcing commencement of the Offer, dated July 24, 2007.
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- (a)(5)(I)° News release announcing half-year results, dated August 2, 2007.
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- (a)(5)(M)° Press release relating to the Offer, dated August 7, 2007.
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- (a)(5)(O)° Press release announcing extraordinary general meetings, dated August 24, 2007.
- (a)(5)(P)° Press release announcing US antitrust approval, dated August 27, 2007.
- (a)(5)(Q)° Press release announcing completion of loan syndication for financing of Alcan acquisition, dated August 30, 2007.
- (a)(5)(R)° Press release announcing Canadian Competition Act clearance, dated August 30, 2007.
- (a)(5)(S)° Press release announcing Rio Tinto plc Extraordinary General Meeting, dated September 14, 2007.
- (a)(5)(T)° Notice of extension of the Offer, dated September 17, 2007.
- (a)(5)(U)° Letter to shareholders of Alcan announcing the extension of the Offer, dated September 17, 2007.
- (a)(5)(V)° Press release announcing the extension of the Offer, dated September 17, 2007.
- (a)(5)(W)° Press release announcing approval of the acquisition of Alcan by Rio Tinto shareholders, dated September 28, 2007.
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- (a)(5)(Z)° Press release announcing French Government approval, dated October 4, 2007.
- (b)(1)° Facility Agreement, dated July 12, 2007, among Rio Tinto, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, and Societe Generale.
- (d)(1)° Support Agreement, dated July 12, 2007, among Alcan, the Offeror and Rio Tinto.
- (d)(2)° English language translation of undertakings and confirmations made by Rio Tinto and Offeror to the Government of Quebec and Alcan, dated July 11, 2007.
- (d)(3)° Confidentiality Agreement, dated April 11, 2007 between Alcan and Rio Tinto.
- (d)(4)° Amendment to Confidentiality Agreement, dated June 25, 2007.
- (d)(5)° Standstill Agreement, dated June 13, 2007, between Alcan and Rio Tinto.
- (d)(6)° Amendment to Support Agreement, dated July 20, 2007, among Alcan, the Offeror and Rio Tinto.
- (g)° None.
- (h)° None.

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