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Sale of Sepon interest completed

Rio Tinto has completed the sale of its 20 per cent interest in the Sepon project (comprising the current gold operation and the Khanong copper project) in Laos to Oxiana Limited for a cash consideration of US\$85 million.

The transaction was announced on 20 January 2004.

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