QMM: Invested in Madagascar 2020

$1 billion investment in Madagascar

2,000 employees

97% Malagasy workforce

400,000 trees planted

2,095 hectares of protected forests

$2.5 million/year in environmental and community investment including: education, health and small business development

$350 million in shared infrastructure including roads, electricity, water and sanitation projects

80,000 people use electricity provided through QMM partnership with the national electricity company JIRAMA

2,500 youths supported through scholarship in the Rio Tinto Scholarship for Education (RISE) program

100 Malagasy university graduates supported by the RISE program
Responsible and sustainable business

Rio Tinto QIT Madagascar Minerals (QMM) is located on the south-eastern tip of Madagascar, near the city of Fort Dauphin. QMM is 80% owned by Rio Tinto and 20% owned by the Government of Madagascar. QMM began exploration of the Anosy region in the late 1980s and eventually discovered mineral deposits equalling 6,000 hectares of ilmenite.

From the beginning, our work in Madagascar has centered around environmental conservation, sustainability, and longevity. Using a community first focus, we are working together to build a mutually beneficial enterprise based on global standards. Over the last 10 years we have contributed to regional and national growth, infrastructure development, and improved livelihoods all while meeting our objectives for the business and the community. As they grow and flourish, our partnerships in Madagascar will continue to demonstrate positive impacts throughout the life of the mine.

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“Rio Tinto is the very expression of the successful integration of a world-class industrial project in a regional economic structure; by helping the region create its own value. Their investments provide jobs and training through skills development for local Malagasy.”

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President, Chamber of Mines

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