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also been reached with a Japanese steel mill for the sale of five million tons of low grade ore over a period of 10 years. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the financing of the iron ore export and pelletising projects.

Production of rutile and zircon at T.A.Z.I.'s mineral sand mining operation on North Stradbroke Island, Queensland, was slightly greater than in the corresponding period of 1964. Output is being more than doubled to approximately 30,000 tons of rutile and 20,000 tons of zircon per annum, commencing second half 1965, for a capital cost of £1.3 million.

Performance of the plant of Rio Tinto Brick Pty. Limited at Campbell-

field, Victoria, showed an improvement over the previous six months, and all the output was sold. Emphasis upon product quality has been maintained, and a new dark brick was introduced.

Mineral Exploration activities have included, as announced in May of this year, investigation of large deposit of low grade copper ore in Bougainville. Work necessary to assess the economics of this is proceeding and in addition, prospecting work of a reconnaissance nature is in progress in some of the eastern islands of the Territory of New Guinea.

And (just for the record)—

We note the following reported productions by **Sulphide Corporation** and **Greenleaf Fertilizers** for the first six months of 1965:—

SULPHIDE CORPORATION—		January/June, 1965	January/June, 1964
Zinc Metal	tons	27,468	25,124
Lead Bullion	tons	11,119	12,533
Refined Cadmium	lbs.	77	48
Copper Dross	tons	712	694
Sulphuric Acid	tons	85,296	81,894
Superphosphate (January to March)	tons	98,478	182,255
GREENLEAF FERTILIZERS—			
Superphosphate (April to June)	tons	100,847	

Part of intricate equipment whereby bricks are packed into cubes prior to strapping and delivery . . . Rio Tinto Brick Co., Campbellfield, Victoria.

