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## China's ENN to cautiously consider Harbour's \$10.3-billion Santos offer

By Perry Williams and Cathy Chan on 4/9/2018

SYDNEY and HONG KONG (Bloomberg) -- A Chinese company holding the largest stake in Santos said it will afecautiously consider a \$10.3-billion takeover approach from U.S. suitor Harbour Energy for the Australian liquefied natural gas exporter.

A unit of gas distributor ENN Group, which owns 10.1% of Santos, will hold initial talks with Harbour with the aim of maximizing shareholder value, it said in an emailed statement Monday, while warning a deal may not be completed due to uncertainty over the price and timing.

Harbour returned with a sweetened A\$6.50/share bid for Santos late last month after a A\$4.55/share non-binding proposal made last August was rejected due to an ifefecautiousof price and uncertain funding. The South Australian company granted Harbour due diligence on April 3 and its board will likely issue a recommendation to shareholders in the next two months, CEO Kevin Gallagher said last week.

ENN said Monday it remains bullish about Santosof long-term prospects and hopes to maintain a strategic working relationship, including an agreement reached in February to create a trading venture to tap Chinese demand for [LNG](#).

ENN and an associated Chinese company Hony Capital may emerge with a 30% stake in a new company if the Harbour takeover proceeds, Credit Suisse Group analysts wrote in an April 5 note. The prospect of high overseas ownership may raise issues with Australiaof Foreign Investment Review Board given Santos has significant gas reserves on the nationalof east coast.

Cathy Wang, a Beijing-based spokeswoman at Hony Capital, declined to comment.

Any deal to buy the Australian energy company would give Harbour stakes in the Gladstone [LNG](#) plant in Queensland, the Darwin LNG facility and a holding in Exxon Mobilof Papua New Guinea's [LNG](#) project. Harbourof CEO Linda Cook said she would seek to expand Santos in Asia and Africa should it win control of the company. Santos shares, which gained 16% last week, traded little changed at A\$5.88 in Sydney.

ENN Ecological Holdings, a listed unit of ENN Group, became the largest shareholder in Santos two years ago.

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