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MARATHON

OIL SELLS NORWAY UNIT FOR \$2.1 BILLION

Marathon Oil is selling its Norwegian business for more than \$2 billion to Norway's Det Norske Oljeselskap as part of its drive to exit the North Sea.

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DAI-ICHI LIFE INSURANCE EYES U.S.

ACQUISITION

Dai-ichi Life Insurance said that it is considering buying a U.S. life insurer, responding to a report that said it was considering spending over \$4.87 **billion** to buy Alabama-based Protective Life.

TPG SAID TO BUY UGL'S PROPERTY SERVICES UNIT

TPG Capital is in final negotiations with UGL to buy its DTZ property management arm for \$1.1 billion, the Australian Financial Review newspaper reported.

SAI GLOBAL ATTRACTS NEW BID INTEREST

Standards-and-compliance-services provider SAI Global put itself up for **sale** on Monday after a takeover approach from Pacific **Equity** Partners worth up to \$1.03 **billion** spurred interest from other parties.

ORIGIN BUYS KAROON'S AUSTRALIAN GAS ASSETS

Origin has agreed to buy a 40% **stake** in fields in the Browse Basin from Karoon Gas Australia and planned to fund the deal through \$926 **million** share **sale**.

ROCHE BUYS U.S. DNA SEQUENCING

FIRM

Roche said that it is acquiring a California company that develops DNA-sequencing technology as part of the Swiss pharmaceutical giant's push deeper into diagnostics.

HENKEL MAKES ACQUISITIONS IN US PROFESSIONAL HAIR-CARE SECTOR

Household consumer products maker Henkel said it plans to acquire three U.S. companies in the professional hair-care sector for 270 **million** euros or \$368 **million**.

TURKISH

FIRM BUYS GAS STAKE

Turkish Petroleum Corp., the state-run energy company known as TPAO, bought French firm Total SA's 10% stake in Azerbaijan's Shah Deniz gas project, in a deal worth \$1.5 billion.

THE TABLES TURN FOR HILLSHIRE'S CEO

Hillshire Brands Co. CEO is weighing escalating bids from two of the world's biggest meat companies against his own ambitions for the owner of fabled brands like Jimmy Dean and Sara Lee.

CHINA SEES CITIC LISTING AS MODEL FOR STATE-FIRM OVERHAULS

China is poised this week to complete plans for one of the world's biggest mergers of the year, a \$37 **billion** deal that could be a blueprint for overhauling massive, inefficient state-owned enterprises.

SCA-PEP JOINT VENTURE TO LIST IN SYDNEY

Pacific **Equity** Partners and partner Svenska Cellulosa aim to raise up to \$639 million through an IPO of toilet-paper-and-diapers maker Asaleo Care.

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