

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 982 words**PD** 13 August 2014**ET** 06:18**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** Copyright 2014 Thomson Reuters. All Rights Reserved.**LP**

(Adds Talisman **Energy**, Darden, Elia, Goldman Sachs, Gazprom Neft, Revel Casino **Hotel**, Conwert Immobilien, PDVSA, Isagen and Los Angeles Clippers)

Aug 12 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were reported by 2000 GMT on Tuesday:

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** The family owner of German fashion **group** Bogner has appointed Goldman Sachs to find a buyer for the maker of upmarket winter jackets and skiwear, sources familiar with the matter said.

** Fiat will not call a shareholder meeting to waive or raise the 500 **million** euro (\$668 **million**) limit it has set for paying out dissenting shareholders in its merger with Chrysler, the carmaker said on Tuesday.

** Private **equity firm** CVC is in talks with Singapore's Government Investment Corp over possible joint bids for assets of cement firms Holcim and Lafarge, Sky News reported on Tuesday, without naming its sources.

** Italy's Lavazza said it would wrap its coffee shop business in India by selling the Barista chain, a move aimed at freeing the **company** to focus on its core coffee business.

** **China's** \$653 **billion** sovereign wealth fund, **China** Investment Corp, is in talks to **buy** Dublin-based aircraft leasing **firm** Avolon for \$4 **billion**-\$5 **billion** including debt, according to people familiar with the matter.

** Hedge fund ValueAct Capital LLC said it had taken a \$1 **billion stake** in Rupert Murdoch-controlled film and TV **company** Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.

** Wanda **Commercial** Properties said it would set up a joint venture valued at HK\$12.5 **billion** (\$1.60 **billion**) with its parent to invest in Australian real **estate** as part of a strategy to diversify its earnings.

** Tokyo Electric Power Co may hive off its hydropower and renewable **energy operations** into a separate unit, people with knowledge of the matter said, in another element to a revamp as it tries to recover from the Fukushima nuclear disaster of 2011.

** Goldman Sachs and Qatar National Bank (QNB) are arranging an \$800 **million** loan to help Abu Dhabi-based entrepreneur **B.R.** Shetty acquire a majority **stake** in foreign exchange operator Travelex, he said on Tuesday.

** Steve Ballmer, the former head of Microsoft, has completed his \$2 **billion purchase** of the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team, ending a saga that began when former team owner Donald Sterling was heard making racist remarks to his girlfriend on a tape recording.

** Darden Restaurants Inc's **board** looks vulnerable to a key activist shareholder's push for a shakeup that could pave the way for broader changes at the underperforming owner of Olive Garden and LongHorn Steakhouse.

** Belgian power grid operator Elia, State Grid Corporation of **China** (SGCC), Italian grid operator Terna and Canadian pension fund PSP have been shortlisted to bid for a 66 percent **stake** in Greek grid operator ADMIE, a source familiar with the bidding process told Reuters on Monday.

** Serbia is to launch an investigation into the 2008 privatisation of state **oil company** NIS, now majority-owned by Russia's Gazprom Neft, the country's interior ministry said.

Gazprom Neft, which bought a 51 percent **stake** in the NIS monopoly for 400 **million** euros (\$534 **million**) in 2008, said it was surprised that the Serbian authorities would bring "our fruitful work into question".

** Talisman **Energy** Inc, Canada's No. 5 independent **oil** and gas producer, said it still plans to sell all or a portion of its exploration properties in Iraq's Kurdistan region despite the conflict in the area and expects to begin a **sale** process in the next several weeks.

** Investment firms Lexington Partners and AlInvest Partners said they would **buy** about 50 percent of the portfolio companies held by JPMorgan Chase & Co's private **equity** business, One **Equity** Partners.

** French drugmaker Sanofi is betting on inhaled insulin as an alternative option to daily injections for diabetics by signing a worldwide licensing agreement with MannKind Corp worth up to \$925 **million**.

** South Korea's Korea Gas Corp (KOGAS) plans to delay the **sale** of a 49 percent **stake** in Iraq's Akkas gas field to beyond 2017 from 2015, as development of the field has been halted due to the latest crisis in the OPEC member country, a KOGAS senior official said.

** New Zealand's two biggest Maori **commercial** groups have joined forces to **buy** one of the country's major bus operators in a further example of their growing financial strength. Ngai Tahu Holdings Corp Ltd and Tainui **Group** Holdings Ltd said on Tuesday they had bought Go Bus Ltd, one of the country's biggest public transport operators, from Australian private **equity firm** Next Capital.

** Australia's largest telecommunications **company** Telstra Ltd said on Tuesday it had paid \$270 **million** to **buy** out Silicon Valley-based video platform **company** Ooyala as part of a deeper push into digital media.

** British fashion retailer New Look has received an offer for its loss-making French unit Mim and is confident a deal will be struck.

** Alisher Usmanov is selling through a share buyback a 10 percent **stake** in his holding **company** USM, whose interests include metals **firm** Metalloinvest and mobile phone operator MegaFon MFON.MM, but will remain its largest shareholder.

** Austrian **property group** Conwert Immobilien said it is in advanced talks over the **sale** of its Czech and Slovak portfolios as it announced second-quarter results had taken a hit from interest rate swaps.

** The bankrupt Revel Casino **Hotel** in Atlantic City is set to close by Sept. 10 after its owner failed to find a buyer for the 1,400-room resort, marking the latest casualty for the struggling New Jersey gambling center.

** Colombia will postpone the **sale** of its majority **stake** in power generation utility Isagen, which it had been due to auction on Aug. 22, Finance Minister Mauricio Cardenas said on Tuesday, delaying the **sale** by up to one year.

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