

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 618 words**PD** 13 December 2014**ET** 08:00**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** Copyright 2014 Thomson Reuters. All Rights Reserved.**LP**

(Adds Hearst Corp, Bain, Gazprom, Repsol, revel Casino)

Dec 12 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were reported by 2100 GMT on Friday:

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** Hearst Corp said it will raise its **stake** in global credit rating agency Fitch Group to 80 percent from 50 percent in a deal valued at about \$2 **billion** as the media giant diversifies away from its newspaper foundations.

** **China** Communications Construction Co Ltd (CCCC) has agreed to buy a building unit of Leighton Holdings Ltd for A\$1.15 **billion** (\$951 **million**), gaining a foothold in Australia ahead of an anticipated construction flurry.

** Photoshop maker Adobe Systems Inc said it would buy stock photography **company** Fotolia for \$800 **million**.

** U.S.-based private **equity** group Bain is hoping to win the bidding for German elevator components maker Wittur in a potential deal worth more than 600 **million** euros (\$750 **million**), several people familiar with the transaction said.

** **China**'s ID Leisure International Capital plans to buy No. 2 Australian cinema chain The Hoyts Group from buyout **firm** Pacific **Equity** Partners in a deal expected to fetch about A\$900 **million** (\$743 **million**), a person with knowledge of the matter said.

** Private **firm** Thomas H. Lee Partners LP is in discussions to acquire U.S. hospice **firm** Curo Health Services from private **equity firm** GTCR LLC, according to people familiar with the matter, in a deal that could top \$700 **million**, including debt.

** Buyout group Permira has sold an 11 percent **stake** in German fashion retailer Hugo Boss for 500 **million** euros (\$620 **million**), a source familiar with the matter said.

** Private **equity firm** GTCR LLC is in advanced talks to acquire Fairway Outdoor Advertising LLC, the fourth-largest such **firm** in the United States, for around \$550 **million**, according to people familiar with the matter.

** Russia's top natural gas producer Gazprom said on Friday that its board would discuss the possibility of the **company** divesting its **stake** in Finnish gas utility Gasum.

** Spanish **oil** major Repsol SA is finalising a bid to acquire Canada's Talisman **Energy** Inc and has sent executives to Calgary to step up talks, a source with knowledge of the matter said on Friday.

** A bankruptcy court judge approved an unopposed request to terminate the **sale** of the Revel casino in Atlantic City to Brookfield Asset Management at a hearing on Friday.

** Canadian **oil** and gas **company** Ivanhoe **Energy** flagged "going concern" doubts and said it was exploring a **sale** of the **company**.

** Dutch marine services **company** Boskalis said its jointly-owned subsidiary Smit Lamnalco had agreed to buy the Australian towage business of **Hong Kong**-based Pacific Basin Shipping Ltd.

** French power group EDF SA said it bought a 51 percent participation in SINOP **Energy** Co, which is in charge of constructing and operating the 400 megawatt SINOP hydroelectric dam in northern Mato Grosso, Brazil. EDF did not give financial details.

** DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc said Hearst Corp has bought a 25 percent **stake** in its YouTube teen network, Awesomeness TV, for \$81.25 **million**.

** Austrian property group Conwert has agreed to sell its entire Czech portfolio and most of its assets in Slovakia as it sharpens its focus on Germany and Austria, it said. The combined transaction volume is 48.5 **million** euros (\$60 **million**).

** Window and door maker Inwido Publ AB is looking to buy companies in the central parts of Europe, its top chief said, adding that while most savings measures have been completed there will probably be more restructuring ahead. (\$1 = A\$1.21) (\$1 = 0.81 euros) (Compiled by Anet Josline Pinto and Yashaswini Swamynathan in Bengaluru)

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