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OCBC TO RAISE \$2.7

BILLION IN RIGHTS ISSUE -- UPDATE

Oversea-**Chinese** Banking Corp. plans to raise 3.32 **billion** Singapore dollars in a rights issue that will partly finance its recent multibillion-dollar **purchase** of a **Hong Kong** bank. (published 0423 GMT)

TDMERIDIAN **ENERGY** CONSIDERS RETURNING CAPITAL TO INVESTORS -- UPDATE

Meridian **Energy** Ltd. is considering returning capital to its investors a matter of months after it listed, and may also be in the market for a buyer for its metering business. (published 0504 GMT)

PWC TO SETTLE WITH NEW YORK REGULATOR OVER CONSULTING FOR JAPANESE BANK

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will pay \$25 **million** and be banned for two years from some consulting work to settle New York state regulators' allegations that the accounting **firm** mishandled its work for Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ. (published 0240 GMT)

FEDEX FACES NEW CHARGES

The Justice Department filed additional charges against FedEx Corp., accusing it of conspiracy to launder money, in connection with its prescription-drug case against the package-delivery concern. (published 2355 GMT Sunday)

RIO TINTO REVIEWS OPTIONS FOR BOUGAINVILLE **COPPER STAKE**

Rio Tinto PLC said it's reviewing its options for a **copper** business in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea in which it holds a controlling **stake**, after the local government passed new **mining** laws that stripped the **company** of the lease on its mothballed mine. (published 0002 GMT)

NEWCREST REPORTS LOSS AFTER WRITE-DOWNS

Gold producer Newcrest **Mining** Ltd. said annual losses topped 2.22 **billion** Australian dollars, as it continued to write down the value of **operations** from Australia and Papua New Guinea to the Ivory Coast. (published 0032 GMT)

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK REPORTS LOWER BAD DEBT

National Australia Bank Ltd.'s earnings rose in its fiscal third quarter, as expenses fell and the lender recorded lower charges for soured loans. (published 2323 GMT Sunday)

COMMONWEALTH BANK TO RAISE A\$2 BLN VIA CAPITAL RAISING

Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd., the country's largest lender by market value, aims to raise about 2 **billion** Australian dollars to fund its business through a hybrid-capital offering. (published 0028 GMT)

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BOART LONGYEAR AMENDS CREDIT FACILITY

Boart Longyear Ltd. said it has amended the terms of its revolving credit facility, giving the **company** more flexibility on financial covenants set by its lenders as it works to complete a strategic review. (published 0013 GMT)

ANSELL FORECASTS QUICK RECOVERY AFTER STEEP PROFITS FALL

Rubber gloves-to-condoms maker Ansell Ltd. said it expects a strong recovery in earnings in the coming year after a major restructure aimed at reducing costs contributed to an 70% drop in fiscal 2014 profit. (published 2332 GMT Sunday)

PERTAMINA CEO RESIGNS TO TEACH AT HARVARD

PT Pertamina's Chief Executive Director Karen Agustawan is resigning to take up teaching at Harvard University, a minister said Monday. (published 0533 GMT)

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