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HIGHLIGHTS Highlights of the AAP Finance Wire for Friday, May 30:

SYDNEY - Borrowers should start bracing themselves for a string of interest rate increases in late this year and next year. (RATES, with factbox, to come)

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MELBOURNE - **Billionaire** James Packer is keen to do more business in **China** - possibly with Kerry Stokes - and says while he prefers democracies, the **Chinese** government is doing the right thing by its people. (**CHINA** PACKER on file)

MELBOURNE - Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has warned that Australia must not fall into a trap of thinking that it can only benefit from a guaranteed peaceful rise of **China** as the world's largest economy and a superpower. (**CHINA** BISHOP on file)

MELBOURNE - Crown chief executive Rowen Craigie says Australia's tourism industry has to lift its game if it is to capture the prize of **China**'s new class of globe-trotting travellers. (**CHINA** CROWN on file)

PERTH - **Billionaire** Premier Investments chairman Solomon Lew has taken a small **stake** in David Jones, potentially complicating a takeover deal for the department store chain. (DAVID JONES on file)

PERTH - Nickel miner Western Areas plans to expand its **operations** and pay down debt as higher nickel prices make marginal projects more viable. (WESTERN AREAS with pics to come)

PERTH - Former Leighton Holdings chief executive Wal King has been appointed deputy chairman of Africa-focused **iron ore** hopeful Sundance Resources. (SUNDANCE on file)

SYDNEY - Low interest rates are continuing to spur growth in lending, but that growth remains slow and patchy (RBA CREDIT NA on file).

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FINEX: NUMBERS - the week in numbers (FINEX: NUMBERS on file)

SYDNEY - Economists this week grappled with one of the trickier sets of data on their calendar, the quarterly survey of business investment plans. (FINEX: ECONOMISTS to come)

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