

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 1,918 words**PD** 28 May 2014**ET** 06:23**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** (c) 2014 Reuters Limited**LP**

(Adds Telekom Austria, Societe Generale, Warburg Pincus, Espirito Santo; updates Nestle, GE)

May 27 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were reported by 2020 GMT on Tuesday:

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** Austria's Federal Competition Agency (BWB) has given itself two weeks more to review a shareholder syndicate struck by Carlos Slim's America Movil and state holding **company** OIAG to pool their holdings in Telekom Austria .

The management and supervisory boards of Telekom Austria said they had decided to give no recommendation for or against America Movil's up to \$2 **billion** offer for its outstanding shares.

** Private **equity firm** Warburg Pincus is exploring a **sale** of UK survival equipment **company** Survitec and is looking at launching a process this year, three sources familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

** Omnicom **Group** Inc's media services division signed a deal worth \$230 **million** with Twitter Inc that will integrate Omnicom's automated ad buying unit Accuen with Twitter's mobile ad exchange MoPub.

** Societe Generale, France's second-largest listed bank, is buying out minority holders in its online broker Boursorama SA for around 260 **million** euros (\$354 **million**) to increase its presence in the sector.

** Portugal's Espirito Santo Financial **Group** is to subscribe to Banco Espirito Santo's 1.045 **billion** euros (\$1.4 **billion**) rights issue to the extent that its **stake** in the country's biggest listed bank will fall 2.4 percentage points, ESFG said on Tuesday.

** Mercury Systems Inc, a supplier of digital signal and image processing systems to the aerospace and defense industry, has ended its exploration of a near-term **sale**, said three people familiar with the matter.

** Italy's Barilla, the world's biggest pasta maker, is looking for opportunities to expand in Latin America and Asia and could announce a deal in a few months, its chairman said on Tuesday.

** France's financial regulator has given Investindustrial Development, a fund led by Italian businessman Andrea Bonomi, until the end of June to launch a counter-bid for Club Mediterranee.

** Bankers are lining up debt financing packages of around 1 **billion** euros (\$1.37 **billion**) to back a potential **sale** of a majority **stake** in Germany-based fire extinguisher maker Minimax Viking, banking sources said on Tuesday.

** Pfizer Inc abandoned its attempt to **buy** AstraZeneca Plc for nearly 70 **billion** pounds (\$118 **billion**) on Monday as a deadline approached without a last-minute change of heart by the British drugmaker.

** Intercontinental Hotels **Group**, the world's largest hotelier, has rejected a 6 **billion** pound (\$10.1 **billion**) takeover offer from a U.S. bidder, Sky News reported, citing unidentified sources.

** Pilgrim's Pride Corp, the world's second largest chicken producer, said it offered to **buy** packaged food **company** Hillshire Brands Co in a \$6.4 **billion** deal as it looks to add pork and beef products to its

portfolio. The cash offer of \$45 per share represents a premium of about 22 percent to Hillshire's Friday closing.

** Kakao Corp, the dominant messaging app **firm** in South Korea, has agreed to **buy** Internet portal **company** Daum Communications in a \$3.3 **billion** stock deal, circumventing a potentially time-consuming IPO process with a back door listing. With the deal, Kakao is seeking to mount a serious challenge to Naver Corp, the country's biggest Internet portal operator and owner of Line - the dominant messaging app in Japan and which has been more successful expanding overseas.

** Rosneft OAO and BP Plc signed an agreement on Saturday to jointly explore for hard-to-recover **oil** in Russia, the first major deal for the state-run Russian **oil company** since the West imposed sanctions over Ukraine in March.

Rosneft could also **buy** a controlling **stake** in the world's largest offshore driller, Norway's Seadrill Ltd, after saying it was in talks to **acquire** a significant **stake** in Seadrill subsidiary North Atlantic Drilling.

** Leading global agribusiness **group** Archer Daniels Midland Co is among the bidders for German drink and food flavors maker Wild in a transaction valued at 1.5 **billion** euros (\$2.04 **billion**), sources familiar with the deal said on Friday.

** KKR & Co plans to **buy** Singapore's Goodpack Ltd, the world's largest maker of intermediate bulk containers, in a deal that values the **company** at \$1.39 **billion** (\$1.11 **billion**), the two companies said on Tuesday.

** Australian private **equity firm** Pacific **Equity** Partners offered up to A\$1.1 **billion** (\$1.02 **billion**) to take standards compliance **business** SAI Global Ltd private, the latest in a flurry of deal activity in the country sparked by surging stock prices.

** Atos SE said it agreed to **buy** Bull SA on Monday in an all-French takeover deal worth 620 **million** euros (\$845.2 **million**) aimed at creating an international information **company** that would be Europe's biggest in cloud **operations** and a leading cybersecurity player.

** Aeropostale Inc said it secured a \$150 **million** credit facility from private **equity firm** Sycamore Partners, in what could be a lifeline for the struggling teen apparel retailer.

** State-owned Gabon **Oil** Co plans to **purchase** new **oil** assets and market a bigger portion of Gabon's crude **oil**, its chief executive told Reuters, aiming to grow to compete alongside international **oil** firms.

** The French state has no plans to sell a 15 percent **stake** in EDF, a finance ministry official told Reuters on Tuesday, denying a union report that the government was preparing to reduce its 84 percent holding in the power **group**.

** Renesas Electronics Corp plans to sell its majority **stake** in a maker of iPhone display chips to Synaptics Inc, another smartphone chip supplier, according to sources familiar with the matter.

** Apple Inc supplier Foxconn Technology **Group** will **buy** a **stake** in Taiwanese mobile telecoms operator Asia Pacific Telecom Co Ltd for T\$11.6 **billion** (\$390 **million**) in a deal that would expand its presence in Taiwan's fledgling 4G telecoms market.

** Japan Display Inc, the world's biggest maker of liquid crystal displays for smartphones and tablets, is considering setting up a joint venture with Sony Corp and Panasonic Corp to develop organic light-emitting diode (OLED) displays, sources familiar with the matter said.

The new **company** would be mostly owned by the Innovation Network Corp of Japan, a government-backed fund that formed Japan Display from loss-making panel businesses at Sony, Hitachi Ltd and Toshiba Corp, sources said.

** Food **group** Nestle is buying back **milk** powder factories in Latin America, significantly scaling down a joint venture with Fonterra, the New Zealand **dairy group** whose reputation was damaged by a food safety scare last year.

** UK-based retailer Tesco Plc has failed to reach a deal with unnamed third parties over its struggling **business** in Turkey, a new setback for Chief Executive Philip Clarke as he seeks to rein in the **group's** global expansion and fix the core **business** at home.

** The UK's R&R Ice Cream Plc, Europe's second-largest ice cream maker, said it would **buy** Australian rival Peters Food **Group** Ltd from its private **equity** owner in a deal Australian media valued at about A\$450 **million** (\$416 **million**).

** Intuit Inc, developer of tax-preparation software TurboTax, said it had entered into a definitive agreement to **buy** bill-payment service Check Inc for \$360 **million** in cash and other considerations.

** Standard Chartered Plc has not reached a final decision on the future of its Swiss private bank, it said on Monday, denying a media report that it is poised to close the Geneva **business**.

** Swiss media **company** Tamedia AG said it had raised its offer to **buy** PubliGroupe SA to 190 Swiss francs per share from 150 per share, but its bid still fell short of a recent offer from Swisscom AG. Tamedia and Swiss national telecoms provider Swisscom are both keen to gain control of PubliGroupe's online directory platforms as the market for digital advertising grows.

** Finland is selling state-owned road and rail construction **group** Destia to local private **equity firm** Ahlstrom Capital for 148 **million** euros (\$202 **million**), aiming to boost competition in the sector and reduce government borrowing.

** Real estate developer Azrieli **Group** agreed to sell Israeli paint **company** Tambour Ltd to Singapore-based holding **company** Kusto **Group** for 500 **million** shekels (\$144 **million**).

** Spanish construction **group** FCC is among seven companies that have presented non-binding bids to **buy** Portuguese waste management **company** Empresa Geral do Fomento (EGF), two sources said on Tuesday.

** A consortium of Czech investment **group** KKCG, Emma Capital and Italian gaming **company** GTECH will bid for a license to operate Turkey's national lottery Milli Piyango, KKCG said.

** Germany's Trimet Aluminium is in talks about purchasing insolvent German aluminum producer Voerde Aluminium, a newspaper said on Monday.

** U.S.-Mexico ferry operator Baja Ferries is in talks with French transport **firm** Transdev about buying its 66 percent **stake** in loss-making France-Corsica ferry operator SNCM.

** Middle East private **equity firm** Abraaj **Group** has bought into an education provider in Thailand, betting on a country that last week saw the imposition of military rule after months of wrangling between government and anti-government activists.

** Botox maker Allergan Inc said on Tuesday Valeant Pharmaceuticals International's \$47 **billion** offer overstated the possible savings from the deal in terms of both research and development and in tax structure.

** Canadian medical isotope supplier Nordion Inc said it would delay the shareholders meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday by a week to give it time to try to get more support for a \$758 **million** takeover offer by U.S.-based Sterigenics International. An initial proxy vote on the takeover fell short of required shareholder support.

** Israeli investment **group** Mivtach Shamir Holdings is in talks with **China's** Bright Food **Group** Co on cooperating in the future as co-owners of Tnuva, Israel's biggest food **company**.

** IntercontinentalExchange **Group** has lined up European long-term investors to **buy** a third of Euronext in its upcoming listing, aiming to allay local regulators' concerns that the pan-European bourse could be snapped up by another foreign **firm**.

** The State Grid Corp of **China**, the country's dominant power grid operator, will open two of its **business** sectors to new investors, including private and non-state companies, state media said on Tuesday.

** Greek lender Attica Bank has hired advisers to look for an investor to take part in a planned **equity** offering, as it becomes the fifth of the country's banks to tap international markets to plug a capital hole, it said on Tuesday.

** General Electric boss Jeff Immelt faces a public French parliamentary grilling in person on Tuesday over his high-stakes plan to **buy** the power arm of engineering **group** Alstom, replacing a subordinate at the last minute. Immelt is scheduled to speak in defense of his 12.35 **billion** euro (\$16.9 **billion**) bid for Alstom's power arm at 1630 GMT.

Germany's Siemens hopes to submit by June 16 at the latest a formal asset swap offer to France's Alstom that would create two European industry champions, the head of Siemens France said on Tuesday.

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