

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 903 words**PD** 7 October 2014**ET** 07:00**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** Copyright 2014 Thomson Reuters. All Rights Reserved.**LP**

(Adds Heathrow Airport Holdings, ICA, SABMiller, KKR, Glencore, Altice SA; updates Verbund)

Oct 6 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were reported by 2000 GMT on Monday:

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** Heathrow Airport Holdings is set to sell three British airports for 1 **billion** pounds (\$1.61 **billion**) to a group including Spanish infrastructure **firm** Ferrovial, Singapore sovereign fund GIC and Australian bank Macquarie, according to Sky News.

** Swedish food retailer ICA said it was selling its loss-making Norwegian **operations** to Coop Norway for 2.8 **billion** Swedish crowns (\$386 **million**).

** U.S. private **equity firm** KKR has agreed to buy two French power plants from Austria's Verbund for around 150 **million** euros (\$188 **million**), helping the utility draw a line under a foray into France that left it nursing losses.

** **Billionaire** Patrick Drahi's cable and telecoms **company** Altice SA is looking to acquire the Portuguese assets of Brazilian carrier Oi SA, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

** Commodities giant Glencore has started talks with Rio Tinto's largest shareholder, Aluminium Corp of **China (Chinalco)**, as it seeks to pave the way for a possible merger in 2015, Bloomberg News reported.

** SABMiller boss Alan Clark said there was no truth in speculation that the brewer's interest in buying Dutch rival Heineken was a defensive move aimed at protecting itself from being taken over.

** Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc said it would sell the landmark Waldorf Astoria New York hotel to **Chinese** insurer Anbang Insurance Group Co Ltd for about \$1.95 **billion**.

** Hewlett-Packard Co said it would split into two listed companies, separating its computer and printer businesses from its faster-growing corporate hardware and services **operations**.

** Chevron Corp said it would sell a 30 percent **stake** in its Duvernay shale properties in Canada to Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co for \$1.5 **billion**.

** Kuwait Petroleum International has canceled a planned \$1.4 **billion** investment in its 88,000 barrel per day (bpd) Rotterdam refinery and may sell it, a spokesman said, as Europe's refiners struggle with overcapacity and global competition.

** Electronics and home appliance retailer Conn's Inc said it would consider selling itself as part of a review of strategic options.

** Drugmaker Actavis Plc said it would acquire Durata Therapeutics Inc in a deal valued at about \$675 **million**.

** Austrian utility Verbund said it had agreed to sell two French power plants to U.S. financial investor KKR in a transaction that is set to close at the end of year pending regulatory approval.

** Spanish power **firm** Iberdrola has hired JPMorgan Chase & Co to sell some foreign renewable assets which could raise up to 2 **billion** euros to help fund an **acquisition** in the fast-growing U.S. market, three sources with knowledge of the matter said.

** Quebecor Inc said it has agreed to sell its Sun Media English-language **operations** that consist of about 175 newspapers and publications to rival publisher Postmedia Network Canada Corp for C\$316 **million** (\$281.82 **million**).

** Medical equipment supplier Becton Dickinson & Co has agreed to buy CareFusion Corp, a maker of infusion pumps and other medical devices, for \$12.2 **billion** in cash and stock, marking the latest multibillion-dollar healthcare sector deal.

** **China's** Bright Food Group Co has received a three-month extension to complete its planned **acquisition** of Tnuva, Israel's biggest food **company**, a shareholder in the Israeli **firm** said on Sunday.

** JSW Steel Ltd, India's third-largest steelmaker, is in talks to buy embattled West African **iron ore** miner London **Mining**, showing Indian firms' growing appetite to secure raw materials abroad, sources familiar with the matter said.

** Euro Disney said on Monday it had agreed a 1 **billion** euro funding deal backed by its largest shareholder, Walt Disney Co, which includes a share **sale** and a debt restructuring, to allow it to invest in the business. The plan will see Euro Disney receive a 420 **million** euro cash infusion, which will include a 351 **million**-euro rights issue open to all shareholders and backed by Walt Disney.

** London-listed **energy** producer Dragon **Oil** plans to make a near 500 **million** pound (\$800 **million**) bid for fellow **oil firm** Petroceltic to boost its presence in Algeria, where it was awarded new **oil** and gas licenses last week.

** Commodities trader Mercuria is considering a strategic review of Henry Bath, a metals warehousing, storage and handling business, which it had bought from JPMorgan Chase & Co, the Financial times reported.

** GIC has agreed to buy the remaining 50 percent **stake** in Italy's RomaEst Shopping Centre from a fund managed by CBRE Global Investors for an undisclosed sum, the Singaporean sovereign wealth fund and CBRE said in a joint statement.

** Tax preparer H&R Block Inc said on Sunday that its deal to sell its bank to Bofl Federal Bank will not be approved by regulators before next year's tax season.

** Germany's Bertelsmann said on Monday it would take full ownership of Gruner + Jahr, publisher of magazines including Stern and Brigitte, as the German media conglomerate looks to speed up a late push into digital media.

(\$1 = 0.62 British pound) (\$1 = 1.12 Canadian dollar) (\$1 = 7.2595 Swedish crown) (Compiled by Yashaswini Swamynathan and Anya George Tharakan in Bangalore; Editing by Savio D'Souza)

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