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TOSHIBA: TO MASS PRODUCE 3-D FLASH MEMORY CHIP AS EARLY AS END-2015 -- SOURCE

Toshiba Corp. will start mass producing 3-D memory chips capable of storing a larger amount of data from as early as the second half of 2015, a person familiar with the matter said Wednesday. (published 0051 GMT)

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FANNIE, FREDDIE REGULATOR SIGNALS BROAD SHIFT IN HOUSING POLICY--FIRST UPDATE

The Obama administration and federal regulators are reversing course on some of the biggest postcrisis efforts to tighten mortgage-lending standards amid concern they could snuff out the fledgling housing rebound and dent the economic recovery. (published 2338 GMT Tuesday)

EU COURT:

GOOGLE MUST REMOVE CERTAIN LINKS ON REQUEST -- 6TH UPDATE

Europe's top court ruled that Google Inc. can be forced to erase links to content about individuals on the Web, a surprise decision that could disrupt search-engine operators and shift the balance between online privacy and free speech across Europe. (published 2334 GMT Tuesday)

ALIBABA AIMS TO GROW DATA BUSINESS

Just days after filing for an initial public offering in the U.S., **Chinese** e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding is beefing up one of its lesser-known businesses: helping online merchants manage their ever-increasing data. (published 2124 GMT Tuesday)

AUSTRALIAN

COAL MAGNATE TINKLER TO BUY IDLED PEABODY MINE

Nathan Tinkler, the Australian electrician-turned-mining magnate who was forced to rapidly liquidate assets last year as coal prices slumped, has made a surprise return to the fold. (published 0041 GMT)

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles CEO Sergio Marchionne said he isn't worried about the drop in Fiat's stock price since he outlined targets to expand sales by 60% in a new five year plan last week, saying the goals are designed to be ambitious because the "house needs direction." (published 2127 GMT Tuesday)

BEIJING TO BUILD A SECOND AIRPORT

Beijing plans to spend around US\$14 billion to build a new airport in the outskirts of the city to relieve congestion at its air travel gateway, already the world's second-busiest. (published 2319 GMT Tuesday)

BLACKBERRY'S OPERATING SYSTEM OPENS UP

BlackBerry Ltd. has reversed course on a device-management policy that effectively closed a channel for potential smartphone sales, saying Tuesday it will open up its operating system to competitors. (published 2315 GMT Tuesday)

AGL **ENERGY** CEO MICHAEL FRASER TO RETIRE

AGL Energy Ltd., one of Australia's biggest electricity retailers, said Wednesday that long-serving Chief Executive Officer Michael Fraser will retire by June next year. (published 2315 GMT Tuesday)

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA QUARTERLY PROFIT RISES 21%

Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd., the country's largest lender by market value, reported a strong rise in its fiscal third-quarter earnings as bad debt charges fell and costs were tightly controlled. (published 2251 GMT Tuesday)

KOHL'S MANAGEMENT SHUFFLE EXPECTED--UPDATE

After ranking among the country's fastest-growing retailers during the early part of the last decade, the department store chain has stalled under Kevin Mansell, a veteran of the **company** for three decades who became chief executive in 2008. (published 2159 GMT Tuesday)

AVAGO TECHNOLOGIES TO CUT JOBS FOLLOWING LSI ACQUISITION

Avago Technologies Ltd. said it plans to cut a "substantial number" of jobs across the **company** following its recently completed **acquisition** of LSI Corp., according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday. (published 2126 GMT Tuesday)

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