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FRANCE SELLS GDF SUEZSTAKE FOR \$2 BILLION

The French government said it **sold** a 3.1% **stake** in **energy group**GDF Suez for about 1.5 **billion** euros or \$2.04 **billion**, which will help finance the **acquisition** of a **stake** in Alstom.

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TREASURY **WINE** DOUSES EARNINGS FEARS

KKR & Co. is under pressure to raise its 3.05 billion Australian dollar or \$2.86 billion bid for Treasury Wine Estates after the winemaker cooled fears of a profit warning.

ETIHAD TO BUY 49% OF ITALIAN AIRLINE ALITALIA

Etihad Airways confirmed it will buy 49% of Italy's troubled Alitalia in what is likely to be the Abu Dhabi airline's biggest investment in a foreign carrier to date.

ALLERGAN SHAREHOLDERS SUPPORT VOTE ON TAKEOVER OFFER

Valeant Pharmaceuticals International CEO Michael Pearson said the company is nearing its goal of rounding up enough support from Allergan Inc. shareholders to secure a vote on its \$53 billion hostile bid for the Botox maker.

FDA ORDERS GSK TO REVIEW ITS GLOBAL MANUFACTURING

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has ordered GlaxoSmithKline to review its manufacturing **operations** globally after finding that its Canadian subsidiary violated quality requirements during the manufacture of its flu vaccine FluLaval, U.K. newspaper The Guardian reported on its website.

GENERAL MOTORS PLANS TO OFFER A BROAD PAYOUT

A fund set up by General Motors to compensate victims of crashes linked to defective ignition switches could offer payments for anyone injured or killed in a crash in which the car's air bags didn't deploy, people familiar with the situation said.

BEST BUY CONSIDERS OPTIONS FOR ITS CHINA BUSINESS

Best **Buy** is said to be considering options, including a **sale** or partnership, for its **Chinese business** and is working with Bank of America Merrill Lynch on its options.

LEND LEASE SELLS U.K. MALL FOR \$1.18 BILLION

Australian developer Lend Lease **Groupsold** the Bluewater shopping mall on the outskirts of London to Land Securities for US\$1.18 billion.

RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS RAISES \$995 MILLION

Reliance Communications Ltd. is selling shares to institutional investors and founders to raise about \$995 **million** as it aims to pay off some of the high-interest loans which have been hurting its profitability.

AUSTRALIA EXPECTS RESOURCES EARNINGS TO SLOW SHARPLY

Australia's earnings from resources and **energy** exports will rise at a markedly slower rate next fiscal year as weaker commodity prices offset a sharp increase in shipments to Asian buyers.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK SEES SOLID MORTGAGE DEMAND

Demand for mortgages in Australia should remain strong even as home-price growth moderates, the head of personal banking at National Australia Bank said.

SINGAPORE EXCHANGE TO LAUNCH NEW GOLD CONTRACT

The Singapore Exchange will launch a new physically-delivered **gold** contract this year, the country's trade and industry minister, Lim Hng Kiang said.

GOOGLE TO UNVEIL NEW TV SET-TOP BOX

Google Inc. is to unveil a new television set-top box on Wednesday as it races Amazon.com, Apple and others to control digital content in the home.

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