

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 1,089 words**PD** 30 April 2014**ET** 06:00**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** (c) 2014 Reuters Limited**LP**

(Adds Siemens, Pfizer, Sanofi, Club Med, Rosneft and others; updates Alstom)

April 29 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were reported by 2000 GMT on Tuesday:

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** U.S. drugmaker Pfizer will need to raise its bid for AstraZeneca to around \$105 **billion**-\$110 **billion** and increase the proportion of cash in the offer to win its British rival, investors believe.

** The euro zone's biggest bank Santander launched a buyout offer for the remaining 25 percent of its Brazilian unit, cementing its grip on a key profit driver in a deal that could be worth up to 4.7 **billion** euros (\$6.51 **billion**).

Santander will also look at acquiring government-owned Catalunya Banc when it comes up for auction, Chief Executive Javier Marin said at a news conference.

** Germany's Siemens AG is considering paying just under 1 **billion** euros (\$1.38 **billion**) for a unit of Britain's Rolls-Royce that makes equipment for the **oil** and gas industry and power-generation gear for utilities, sources familiar with the matter said.

** French investment **firm** Ardian is to **buy** a \$1.3 **billion** private **equity** portfolio from U.S. **company** GE Capital, the companies said on Tuesday, in the largest secondary private **equity transaction** over the last year.

** Australian **oil** and gas producers Horizon **Oil** Ltd and Roc **Oil Company** Ltd have agreed to **merge** to form a single, Asia-focused **energy company** worth A\$800 **million** (\$741 **million**), the two companies said on Tuesday.

** Saipem has won a 400 **million** euro (\$554 **million**) contract to help build the second line of Russia's strategic South Stream offshore gas pipeline, designed to end its reliance on Ukraine as a transit state, it said on Tuesday.

** U.S. chipmaker Cirrus Logic Inc has agreed a deal to **buy** British microchip maker Wolfson Microelectronics for 291 **million** pounds (\$489 **million**) to boost its audio division, the two firms said.

** Industrial and **Commercial** Bank of **China** Ltd has agreed to **buy** a 75.5 percent **stake** in Turkey's Tekstil Bankasi for \$316 **million**, as the world's biggest lender seeks to benefit from the rising trade between the two countries.

** Ras Al Khaimah Ceramics said its founding shareholder had agreed to sell 30.6 percent of his **stake** in the **company** to Samena Limestone Co, a **company** incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

** Italian broadcaster Mediaset is in talks with foreign investors that could potentially **lead** to an industrial partnership for its pay-TV business, a senior official said on Tuesday, but repeated that the unit was not for **sale**.

** Czech electricity producer CEZ may consider regional acquisitions after it scrapped a tender worth up to \$15 **billion** to build new units at its Temelin nuclear power plant, Chief Executive Daniel Benes was quoted as saying on Tuesday.

** American Realty Capital Properties Inc and NorthStar Realty Finance Corp said they were not currently in merger talks, a day after reports that American Realty was looking to **buy** the real **estate** financing **company**.

** Itau Unibanco Holding SA said on Tuesday it would become Brazil's largest lender of payroll-deductible loans after extending the scope of a joint venture with Banco BMG SA on the segment, according to a securities filing.

** Indian generic drugmaker Wockhardt Ltd denied on Tuesday a media report that said U.S. drugmakers Mylan Inc and Pfizer Inc were in talks with the **company** to **buy** some of its assets.

** Alliant Techsystems Inc, the world's largest ammunition maker, said it would **merge** with Orbital Sciences Corp , after spinning off its sporting gun business.

** A **group** of Czech businessmen denied they were in talks to **buy** Central European Media Enterprises or its Czech subsidiary, as a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

** French drugmaker Sanofi is not looking at selling its animal health business, but could look at making it bigger instead, Chief Executive Chris Viehbacher told analysts on a call on Tuesday.

** A bid for French holiday operator Club Med by **China**'s Fosun International and French private **equity** **firm** Ardian will close next month after a court rejected a shareholders' challenge that had delayed the deal by nearly a year.

** Russia's top crude **oil** producer Rosneft said on Tuesday that it aimed to complete deal to **buy** the majority of global physical **oil** trading **operations** from Morgan Stanley in the second half of 2014, as expected.

** Russian **oil**-to-telecoms conglomerate Sistema said on Tuesday the **company** and its telecoms subsidiary MTS would each pay \$75 **million** for 10.8 percent stakes in e-commerce **company** Ozon.

** The owner of Raiffeisen Lower Austria-Vienna, one of the six Austrian banks to come under direct supervision of the European Central Bank this year, said on Tuesday that it planned to sell its renewable-**energy** business to boost its capital.

** Privately-owned Reuben Brothers Resources **Group** (RBRG) said on Tuesday it had agreed to sell its metals trading division to commodity trader Gerald **Group**, for an undisclosed amount.

** A banking foundation that is a core shareholder in Intesa Sanpaolo said on Tuesday that it was handing management of its **stake** in Italy's biggest bank to an asset manager to help spread the risks of its investments.

** Talks between Etihad Airways and Alitalia are continuing over a possible investment by the Abu Dhabi-based airline in Italy's troubled carrier, Italian Transport Minister Maurizio Lupi said on Tuesday.

** A plan by Malaysian state-owned **oil firm** Petronas to build an \$11 **billion** liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal on Canada's Pacific Coast gained momentum on Tuesday with **China**'s Sinopec becoming the latest **energy** player to sign on to the project. Petronas said it would sell Sinopec a 15 percent **stake** in its Pacific NorthWest LNG export facility, along with a 15 percent **stake** in the northern British Columbia shale gas assets that would feed it.

** Estonia's government decided on Tuesday to start talks on buying shares in its national gas grid, majority owned by Germany's E.ON and Russia's Gazprom, local media reported.

** Germany's Siemens said on Tuesday it would make an offer to French engineering **group** Alstom if it is given four weeks to examine its books and draw up a detailed plan to rival a move by General Electric. (\$1 = 0.72 euros) (\$1 = 0.59 British pounds) (\$1 = 1.08 Australian dollars) (Compiled by Avik Das and Ankit Ajmera in Bangalore)

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