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2159 GMT - Credit Suisse is baffled by **Chinese** private **equity firm**Hony Capital 's US\$750 **million sale** of its 11.7% **stake** in Australian **oil** and gas producer Santos (STO.AU) to ENN Ecological Holdings (600803.SH), a unit of **Chinese** gas distributor ENN. Hony bought the **stake** in Santos as part of the Australian **company**'s review in November 2015, and was billed as a long-term strategic investor. Clearly that's not how it panned out in this case. Credit Suisse says Hony bought shares at an average price of A\$4.90 each. "With the move in the Australian dollar, it has possibly actually not lost money on the deal," Credit Suisse says. "That said, it doesn't seem to have locked in a huge profit." It keeps an outperform call on Santos and a A\$4.10/share price target. STO last traded at A\$4.03. (david.winning@wsj.com; @dwinningWSJ)

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