

HD Deals of the day- Mergers and acquisitions**WC** 960 words**PD** 14 August 2014**ET** 06:03**SN** Reuters News**SC** LBA**LA** English**CY** Copyright 2014 Thomson Reuters. All Rights Reserved.**LP**

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Aug 13 (Reuters) - The following bids, mergers, acquisitions and disposals were repoted by 2000 GMT on Wednesday:

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** **Billionaire** investor William Ackman is digging in on getting a hostile takeover bid for Botox maker Allergan Inc done.

As the **company**'s biggest investor, the hedge fund manager told clients on Wednesday that his **firm**, Pershing Square Capital Management, "will continue to focus on getting a transaction completed and maximizing the value of our investment."

** Biotechnology **company** InterMune Inc is working with financial advisers to evaluate strategic options as it braces for potential takeover interest from larger drugmakers, people familiar with the matter said.

** Colombia's decision to delay the **sale** of its majority **stake** in power generation utility Isagen will not impact construction of highways planned by the government using the proceeds, President Juan Manuel Santos said on Wednesday.

** Emerson Electric Co has tapped Goldman Sachs Group Inc to sell its power transmission solutions business in a deal that could be worth more than \$1 **billion**, people familiar with the matter said.

** Italy's claims that a **sale** of parts of insolvent Italian steelmaker Lucchini to India's JSW Steel will be concluded within days are premature, a top JSW executive said on Wednesday.

** India's Lanco Infratech Ltd said it has sold a 1,200-megawatt (MW) thermal power plant in the southern state of Karnataka to Adani Power Ltd for about 20 **billion** rupees (\$327 **million**), as the **company** looks to cut debt.

** Tycoon Carlos Slim must have an independent buyer lined up before presenting a plan to the regulator to sell a chunk of assets, the head of Mexico's regulator the Federal Institute of Telecommunications (IFT) said on Wednesday.

** Chilean bank Corpbanca expects its merger with Brazilian bank Itau Unibanco to be completed by the first quarter of 2015, it said on Wednesday.

** Finnish insurer and investment **firm** Sampo is not planning to take over its Danish rival Topdanmark, Sampo Chief Executive Kari Stadigh said.

** France's AMF financial markets regulator said that Italian businessman Andrea Bonomi's offer for French holiday group Club Mediterranee was in line with market rules and that it would be publishing a bid timetable later.

** Austrian investor Rene Benko has been asked to take over loss-making German department store chain Karstadt, Austrian magazine Format reported on Wednesday.

** Health Care REIT Inc said it would buy Canada's HealthLease Properties Real Estate Investment Trust in a deal valued at \$950 **million**, including debt, to expand its presence in senior housing and post-acute care segments.

** Alibaba Group Holding Ltd <IPO-BABA.N> overhauled its pact with the parent of fast-growing payments affiliate Alipay, boosting the **Chinese** e-commerce giant's potential gains if that **company** is sold or goes public.

** The U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division has asked Tyson Foods Inc and Hillshire Brands Co for additional information related to Tyson's \$7.7 **billion** offer for the maker of Jimmy Dean sausages.

** Australia's Victoria state said on Wednesday it had hired Morgan Stanley to sell the lease for the Port of Melbourne, the country's largest container and general cargo port, in a deal local media estimated may fetch A\$6 **billion** (\$5.57 **billion**).

** FleetCor Technologies Inc said it would buy payments processing **company** Comdata Inc from Ceridian LLC for \$3.45 **billion** in its biggest deal as it looks to expand into the virtual payments market.

** The head of Merck KGaA said the German drugs and chemicals maker was looking at "interesting" takeover targets, but was in no rush to strike a deal.

** Italian designer Roberto Cavalli is in talks to sell a majority **stake** in his eponymous fashion house to VTB Capital, the investment arm of Russia's second largest lender, VTB Bank, two sources close to the **company** said.

** Daisy Group Plc, a voice and data services **company**, said it had received a preliminary takeover approach by a consortium led by asset manager Toscafund and Daisy's chief executive, its two largest shareholders.

** Czech financial group PPF plans to split its telecoms **company** O2 Czech Republic into two parts, business daily Hospodarske Noviny reported on Wednesday.

** Thailand's PTT Global Chemical Pcl said on Wednesday it was seeking a partner to expand the crude processing capacity of its planned joint petrochemical project with Indonesian state **oil** and gas **firm** Pertamina.

** Major Saudi food producer Savola Group said on Wednesday it had begun preliminary talks on a potential **acquisition** of Kuwait Food Co (Americana), one of the Middle East's largest food companies.

** Vitol SA said it had completed the **acquisition** of Royal Dutch Shell Plc's Australian downstream businesses.

** Russian tycoon Alisher Usmanov, the largest shareholder in Russia's second-biggest mobile phone operator MegaFon and metals **firm** Metalloinvest, is selling a 10 percent **stake** in his holding **company** USM back to the **firm**.

** The head of Telecom Italia is set to meet Vivendi chairman Vincent Bollore to discuss an offer for the French media group's Brazilian broadband unit GVT, two sources with knowledge of the matter said.

** Abu Dhabi National **Energy** Co (TAQA) said on Wednesday that it had ended talks to buy a 50 percent **stake** in the Sulaymaniyah power station in Iraq's Kurdistan region, as the project did not match the **company**'s growth strategy.

** **Chinese** clean **energy** generator Hanergy Holding Group Ltd on Wednesday said it had broadened its **solar** power technology portfolio with the **purchase** of Alta Devices Inc, a California-based developer of thin-film **solar** cells. (Compiled by Amrutha Gayathri and Rohit T.K. in Bangalore)

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