

**HD News Highlights: Top Equities Stories of the Day****WC** 480 words**PD** 28 July 2014**ET** 16:00**SN** Dow Jones Institutional News**SC** DJDN**LA** English**CY** Copyright © 2014, Dow Jones & Company, Inc.**LP**MCDONALD'S FACES SHORTAGE OF BEEF, CHICKEN AT SOME **CHINA** STORES

McDonald's Corp. is facing a shortage of products at some of its stores in **China** following problems with an embattled Shanghai meat supplier that allegedly **sold** expired meat to fast-food chains across the country. (published 0431 GMT)

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HOSPIRA MAY

**BUY** DANONE MEDICAL-NUTRITION UNIT FOR \$5 BILLION

Hospira Inc. has emerged as a bidder for Danone SA's medical-nutrition unit in a deal that could be worth about \$5 billion and mark the latest in a flurry of so-called inversion deals designed to sidestep U.S. taxes, according to a person familiar with the matter. (published 0001 GMT)

JD.COM, TENCENT TO PRESELL MICROSOFT'S XBOX IN **CHINA**

Tencent Holdings Ltd. will use its alliance with online retailer JD.com Inc. to sell in advance Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox One consoles in **China**, as it ramps up efforts to compete with electronic-commerce giant Alibaba **Group** Holding Ltd. in **China**'s online-shopping market. (published 0107 GMT)

LEIGHTON HOLDINGS' PROFIT FALLS 20%--UPDATE

Leighton Holdings Ltd.'s first-half net profit fell 20%, though the **company** signaled progress in weathering a global-mining slowdown by sharpening focus on major construction contracts, including airports and Asian casinos. (published 0142 GMT)

NAB TO SELL PARCEL OF U.K.

**COMMERCIAL** REAL-**ESTATE** LOANS -- UPDATE

National Australia Bank Ltd. has agreed to sell a GBP625 million basket of mainly distressed U.K. loans to private-equity **firm** Cerberus Global Investors, further distancing the Australian bank from a business that has weighed on it for years. (published 0114 GMT)

BOART LONGYEAR CONFIDENT IT CAN AVOID BREACHING LOAN COVENANTS

Boart Longyear Ltd. said it aimed to complete a strategic review aimed at overhauling its balance sheet before the end of this year, a timetable that would keep the drill-rig supplier from breaching financial covenants set by its lenders. (published 0034 GMT)

RYANAIR 1Q NET PROFIT SOARS BY 152% TO \$265 MLN

Ryanair Holdings PLC, Europe's largest discount airline, said its first-quarter profit soared by 152%, as it raised its full-year profit forecast and promised a special dividend following a year marred by surprise profit warnings. (published 0500 GMT)

AUSTRALIA'S HEALTHSCOPE SHARES OFF TO GOOD START

Healthscope Ltd. shares rose in Australia's biggest new listing since 2010, as investors continue to favor health care providers expected to benefit from the country's aging generation of baby boomers. (published 0550 GMT)

NAVITAS ANNUAL NET PROFIT FALLS 31% AS KEY UNIVERSITY DEAL ENDS

Education services provider Navitas Ltd. said its annual profit fell 31% to 51.6 million Australian dollars as costs rose and it lost a key contract with Australia's Macquarie University. (published 0005 GMT)

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