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Singapore (Platts)--21Jan2014/1241 am EST/541 GMT CHINA NATIONAL NUCLEAR TO BUY 25% STAKE IN AFRICAN URANIUM MINE: China's largest atomic energy developer China National Nuclear Corp. has agreed to pay \$190 million to Paladin Energy for a 25% stake in the Langer Heinrich uranium mine in Namibia, Shanghai Daily reported Tuesday quoting the Australian company. The Namibian mine, with a 20-year lifespan, started production in 2007 and has a production capacity of 5.2 million lb/year of uranium concentrate. Paladin said capacity could rise to 5.7 million lb/year in 2014. With a stake in the mine it will be easier for CNNC to secure uranium supplies for its reactors, the daily said. MALAYSIA BECOMES CHINA'S THIRD LARGEST TRADE PARTNER IN ASIA: The two-way trade volume between China and Malaysia in 2013 reached \$106 billion, Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday quoting Huang Huikang, China's ambassador to Malaysia.

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This makes Malaysia China's third largest trade partner in Asia, just next to Japan and South Korea, and it continues to be the largest trade partner among ASEAN countries, he said. CHINA CENTRAL BANK INJECTS LIQUIDITY AHEAD OF HOLIDAY: China's central bank conducted Yuan 255 billion (\$42 billion) of seven-day reverse-repurchase agreements Tuesday at a yield of 4.1% and another Yuan 180 billion of 21-day reverse repos at an interest yield of 4.7%, the Securities Times reported Tuesday quoting the People's bank of China. On Monday, the central bank had injected short-term liquidity into the country's large commercial banks through the Standing Lending Facility, a tool created by the People's Bank Of China, to ensure stability ahead of the Lunar New Year demand for cash, Xinhua news agency reported late Monday. The bank did not specify the exact amount of liquidity injected.

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