

**HD News Highlights: Top Economic Stories of the Day****WC** 396 words**PD** 4 November 2014**ET** 17:00**SN** Dow Jones Institutional News**SC** DJDN**LA** English**CY** Copyright © 2014, Dow Jones & Company, Inc.**LP****AUSTRALIA HOLDS INTEREST RATES STEADY**

Australia's central bank left interest rates unchanged at a record low 2.5% Tuesday, once again citing the high Australian dollar as a headwind for growth and pointing to a continuing period of steady rates. (published 0406 GMT)

**TD****AUSTRALIA TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS**

Australia posted a seasonally adjusted trade deficit of A\$2.3 **billion** in September, compared with analyst estimates of a A\$1.8 **billion** shortfall, the Australian Bureau of Statistics said Tuesday. (published 0047 GMT)

**SOUTH KOREA INFLATION AT 1.2% IN OCTOBER**

South Korea's consumer price index rose 1.2% on the year in October, slower than the market expected, official data showed Tuesday. (published 2313 GMT Monday)

**AUSTRALIAN RETAIL SALES RISE**

Australian retail sales rose by more than expected in September, government figures showed. Sales climbed by 1.2% from August, the Australian Bureau of Statistics said on Tuesday. (published 0038 GMT)

**AUSTRALIA JOBLESS RATE HIGHER THAN THOUGHT**

Australia's statistics bureau unexpectedly raised the country's official unemployment rate, as it scrambled to correct deficiencies in its monthly labor-force survey that had left policy makers unsure of actual job-market conditions. (published 0444 GMT)

**JAPAN'S DOMESTIC AUTO SALES -9.1% ON YEAR IN OCT**

Japan's domestic sales of new cars, trucks and buses declined 9.1% from a year earlier in October, falling for the third consecutive month, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said Tuesday. (published 0511 GMT)

IMF: RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC WOES SAPPING GROWTH IN CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS NATIONS

Russia's sanctions-fueled economic slowdown is sapping growth in the Central Asian and the Caucasus satellite nations that rely on their neighbor, the International Monetary Fund said in its latest regional outlook. (published 0400 GMT)

COFCO LAND PLANS TO ISSUE U.S. DOLLAR DENOMINATED

**BONDS** TO FUND **ACQUISITION**

**Hong Kong**-listed investment **firm** Cofco Land Holdings Ltd. said Tuesday it plans to issue U.S. dollar denominated **bonds**. (published 0342 GMT)

**CHINA OIL** & GAS ISSUES US\$300 **MILLION** LN **BONDS** TO REPAY DEBT

**Hong Kong**-listed **China Oil** & Gas Group Ltd. said Tuesday it has issued US\$300 **million** worth of **bonds**, which are due in 2020, to repay debt and for corporate purposes. (published 0414 GMT)

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