

**HD News Highlights: Top Equities Stories of the Day****WC** 629 words**PD** 18 August 2014**ET** 11:00**SN** Dow Jones Institutional News**SC** DJDN**LA** English**CY** Copyright © 2014, Dow Jones & Company, Inc.**LP****FEDEX FACES NEW CHARGES**

The Justice Department filed additional charges against FedEx Corp., accusing it of conspiracy to launder money, in connection with its prescription-drug case against the package-delivery concern. (published 2355 GMT Sunday)

**TD****RIO TINTO REVIEWS OPTIONS FOR BOUGAINVILLE COPPER STAKE**

Rio Tinto PLC said it's reviewing its options for a **copper** business in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea in which it holds a controlling **stake**, after the local government passed new **mining** laws that stripped the **company** of the lease on its mothballed mine. (published 0002 GMT)

**NEWCREST REPORTS LOSS AFTER WRITE-DOWNS**

**Gold** producer Newcrest **Mining** Ltd. said annual losses topped 2.22 **billion** Australian dollars, as it continued to write down the value of **operations** from Australia and Papua New Guinea to the Ivory Coast. (published 0032 GMT)

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK REPORTS LOWER BAD DEBT**

National Australia Bank Ltd.'s earnings rose in its fiscal third quarter, as expenses fell and the lender recorded lower charges for soured loans. (published 2323 GMT Sunday)

**COMMONWEALTH BANK TO RAISE A\$2 BLN VIA CAPITAL RAISING**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd., the country's largest lender by market value, aims to raise about 2 **billion** Australian dollars to fund its business through a hybrid-capital offering. (published 0028 GMT)

**AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPER STOCKLAND BEATS FY EARNINGS GUIDANCE**

Stockland, an Australian developer of regional shopping malls and residential communities, beat its own forecasts for full-year profits as record-low interest rates and steady population growth underpinned demand for new homes. (published 2259 GMT Sunday)

**DEBT-LADEN****BOART LONGYEAR AMENDS CREDIT FACILITY**

Boart Longyear Ltd. said it has amended the terms of its revolving credit facility, giving the **company** more flexibility on financial covenants set by its lenders as it works to complete a strategic review. (published 0013 GMT)

ANSELL FORECASTS QUICK RECOVERY AFTER STEEP PROFITS FALL

Rubber gloves-to-condoms maker Ansell Ltd. said it expects a strong recovery in earnings in the coming year after a major restructure aimed at reducing costs contributed to an 70% drop in fiscal 2014 profit. (published 2332 GMT Sunday)

MERIDIAN **ENERGY** REPORTS FY14 NET PROFIT SURPASSING PROSPECTUS FORECASTS

Meridian **Energy** Ltd.'s net profit for the 12 months to June 30 was lower on year, but came in ahead of forecasts in its prospectus released ahead of its listing last year. (published 2128 GMT Sunday)

AURIZON PROFIT FALLS ON REDUNDANCY COSTS, WRITEDOWNS

Aurizon Holdings Ltd. said annual profit fell sharply due to redundancy costs and writedowns against its locomotive fleet. (published 2252 GMT Sunday)

INVESTORS RETHINK BETS ON EUROPE SHARES

Economic headwinds and geopolitical strife have foiled investors betting on a comeback in European stocks, throwing cold water on one of 2014's most highly touted wagers. (published 2125 GMT Sunday)

CONTACT

**ENERGY** FY14 NET PROFIT RISES ON ONE-OFF PAYMENT, LOWER **ENERGY** COSTS

**Energy** provider Contact **Energy** Ltd.'s net profit for the 12 months to June 30 rose 18% on year as the cost of **energy** fell due to increased hydro generation and the receipt of 43 **million** New Zealand dollars of compensation as a result of the delayed startup of the Te Mihi power station. (published 2112 GMT Sunday)

FREIGHTWAYS REPORTS HIGHER PROFIT, SEES YEAR-ON-YEAR EARNINGS GROWTH IN 2015

Courier **company** Freightways Ltd. reported a higher full-year net profit, bolstered by an overall increase in volume growth. (published 2243 GMT Sunday)

VOLVO XC90 TO BE PRICED SIMILAR TO BMW X5, AUDI Q7

When Li Shufu was asked five years ago whether his **Chinese** car **company** would attempt to buy Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo car division, he appeared humble. (published 2201 GMT Sunday)

(END) Dow Jones Newswires

August 17, 2014 21:00 ET (01:00 GMT)

**CO** fdexps : FedEx Corporation | rtz : Rio Tinto PLC | craaus : Rio Tinto Ltd

**IN** i211 : Metal Ore Mining | i77002 : Freight Transportation Arrangement | ibasicm : Basic Materials/Resources | icargo : Freight/Cargo Transport | imet : Mining/Quarrying | itsp : Transportation/Shipping

**NS** ncdig : Corporate Digests | neqac : Equities Asset Class News | nhhour : Headlines of the Hour | ncat : Content Types | ndj : Dow Jones Top Stories | nfact : Factiva Filters | ntop : Top Wire News | redit : Selection of Top Stories/Trends/Analysis

**RE** austr : Australia | papng : Papua New Guinea | apacz : Asia Pacific | ausnz : Australia/Oceania | dvpcoz : Developing Economies | pacisz : Pacific Islands

**PUB** Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

**AN** Document DJDN000020140818ea8i00063