

HD News Highlights: Top Equities Stories of the Day**WC** 531 words**PD** 17 February 2014**ET** 17:00**SN** Dow Jones Institutional News**SC** DJDN**LA** English**CY** Copyright © 2014, Dow Jones & Company, Inc.**LP****GROUP LED BY STARR NEAR DEAL TO BUY MULTIPLAN**

A group led by Starr Investment Holdings is near a deal to **purchase** health-care services **firm** MultiPlan Inc. for about \$4.4 **billion**, according to people familiar with the matter. (published 0308 GMT)

TD**CHINA'S GOLDFLEAF JEWELRY PLANS TO ACQUIRE TEXAS ENERGY COMPANY**

A **Chinese gold** retailer said it plans to acquire a Texas-based **oil** and gas operator for at least \$665 **million**, part of a strategy to diversify into overseas **energy** markets. (published 0536 GMT)

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND POSTS PROFIT

Hong Kong's Disney theme park is set to post its second profitable year since opening in 2005, people with direct knowledge of the data said Monday, with attendance hitting a record of over 7.5 **million** people thanks to strong demand from mainland **Chinese** visitors. (published 0436 GMT)

PORTS, SHIPPING COMPANIES RETOOL AHEAD OF PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION

The world's biggest ports are dredging deeper and shipping companies are building even more mammoth container vessels as a European consortium undertakes a major engineering challenge--a multibillion-dollar widening of the Panama Canal. (published 0511 GMT)

AUSTRALIAN BOURSE SET TO OFFER YUAN PAYMENTS

Australia's securities exchange will offer a service settling trade in yuan as part of a venture with Bank of **China** Ltd., a further push by financial companies Down Under to tap rising capital flows between Australia and its biggest trading partner. (published 0157 GMT)

COAL HAULER AURIZON'S PROFIT FALLS ON WRITEDOWNS -- UPDATE

Australia's Aurizon Holdings Ltd. said its fiscal first-half profit fell 39% as it looked to use fewer trains to transport **coal** and **iron ore** from remote mines, although it signaled confidence in continued demand for the commodities it hauls. (published 0035 GMT)

AUSTRALIA'S UGL GETS APPROACHES FOR PROPERTY SERVICES UNIT

Australia's UGL Ltd. reported a rise in first-half profit and said it has received takeover offers for its DTZ property services business. (published 2246 GMT Sunday)

BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK CONSIDERS TAPPING EUROPEAN DEBT

Australian lender Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd. is meeting with potential debt investors in Europe as it looks to take advantage of relatively low interest rates in the region to raise funds. (published 0553 GMT)

ANSELL PROFIT RISES 15%, DESPITE CURRENCY HIT

Safety gloves-to-condoms maker Ansell Ltd. said its fiscal first-half profit rose 15%, as it overcame setbacks from unfavorable currency swings to the Pentagon's plans to pull U.S. troops out of Afghanistan. (published 2154 GMT Sunday)

CATERPILLAR ACCUSED OF PRESSURING TEMPORARY WORKERS

Australia's National Union of Workers has accused Caterpillar Inc. of pressuring temporary workers at a warehouse in Melbourne to sign letters stating they don't want permanent jobs that would soon be due to them. (published 0208 GMT)

FLETCHER BUILDING IN CONDITIONAL DEAL TO SELL PACIFIC STEEL BUSINESS

Fletcher Building Ltd. said Monday that it has entered into a conditional agreement to sell the downstream long-products rolling and marketing **operations** of Pacific Steel Group to BlueScope Steel Ltd. (published 2055 GMT Sunday)

(END) Dow Jones Newswires

February 17, 2014 01:00 ET (06:00 GMT)

CO mulpla : MultiPlan Inc

IN i951 : Health Care/Life Sciences | iphss : Healthcare Support Services

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 | china : China | victor : Victoria (Australia) | apacz : Asia Pacific | asiaz : Asia | ausnz : Australia/Oceania | bric : BRIC Countries | chinaz : Greater China | devgcoz : Emerging Market Countries | dvpcoz : Developing Economies | easiaz : Eastern Asia

PUB Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

AN Document DJDN000020140217ea2h000bl