

The following report details mergers and acquisitions activity globally during the week commencing 3rd July 2017 using data from the Zephyr database.

It focuses on deal activity by target company.

Aside from M&A Rumours and Opportunities all deals were announced or completed during the week.

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M&A

Top Deal by Value

Arnault increases its stake in Christian Dior

Target: Christian Dior SE
Value: USD 10,124 million
Completed date: 4th July 2017
Target region: France
Target business: Luxury fashion clothing designer; Cosmetics manufacturer; Jewellery manufacturer; Perfumes manufacturer; Watches manufacturer

Semyrhamis, a company owned by the Arnault family, has increased its stake in French luxury fashion clothing designer Christian Dior for around USD 10,124 million. The buyer now holds a 94 per cent interest in the target as a result of the deal, having previously held a 74 per cent stake.

Number Two Deal by Value

GE acquires Baker Hughes' oil extracting assets

Target: Baker Hughes Inc.'s oil extracting assets
Value: USD 7,400 million
Completed date: 3rd July 2017
Target region: n.a.
Target business: Oil extraction services provider

General Electric Company (GE) has completed the purchase of Baker Hughes' oil extracting operations for about USD 7,400 million. The acquired assets will be combined with GE's oil and gas business to create a new business which will be publicly-traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Rumours and Opportunities

EDP Energias de Portugal denies report of Gas Natural acquisition

Target: EDP Energias de Portugal SA

Estimated value: USD 12,059 million

Rumour date: 4th July 2017

Target region: Portugal

Target business: Electricity distribution services; Electricity supply consulting services; Hydroelectric power generation services; Natural gas distribution services; Solar electric power generation services; Thermal electric power generation services; Wind electric power generation services

Portuguese electricity distributor EDP Energias de Portugal has denied a report which suggested it could be acquired by Gas Natural SDG. People familiar with the matter had previously told The Brisbane Times Gas Natural had approached EDP over a potential combination of the businesses.

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WorldPay and Vantiv enter into agreement in principle

Target: WorldPay Group plc

Estimated value: USD 11,002 million

Rumour date: 4th July 2017

Target region: UK

Target business: Online payment processing services; Online payment processing mobile application provider

Vantiv has reached an agreement in principle to buy WorldPay Group for USD 11,002 million. JP Morgan had also previously lodged a preliminary approach for the business.

Capital Increase

Banco Santander announces rights issue

Target: Banco Santander SA
Value: USD 8,081 million
Announced date: 3rd July 2017
Target region: Spain
Target business: Banking services

Spanish banking firm Banco Santander is planning to raise up to USD 8,081 million through a rights issue. The offer is expected to run until 20th July 2017.

Private Equity

Centerbridge Partners to buy majority stake in Syncsort

Target: Syncsort Inc.
Value: USD 1,260 million
Announced date: 6th July 2017
Target region: US
Target business: Data management and data protection software developer

Private equity firm Centerbridge Partners has agreed to purchase a undisclosed majority stake in US data management and data protection software developer Syncsort for around USD 1,260 million. The transaction is expected to be financed by Bank of America, Credit Suisse and Antares Capital. Completion is expected in the third quarter of 2017.

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