



Market Summary

DOW	17636.80	+2.06	PEYTO ENERGY	35.86	+0.07	POLARIS	2.47	--
TSE	14901.99	+58.89	WESTERN FOREST	2.42	+0.03	CANADIAN \$	0.8838	-.0018
S&P	2036.36	-3.46	CATALYST	2.75	--	EURO	1.22458	-.0063
NASDAQ	4663.00	-25.54	CANFOR	27.34	+0.26	COPPER	3.03	--
TSX VENTURE	777.89	+1.26	REDSTAR GOLD	0.04	-0.005	BRENT CRUDE	78.52	-.89
SILVER	16.07	-.24	LUMBER	315.80	-4.10	NATURAL GAS	4.29	.16
GOLD	1184.00	-1.60	TIM HORTON'S	92.33	+0.01	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

• Japan's slip into surprise recession paves way for tax delay, snap poll

Japan's economy unexpectedly slipped into recession in the third quarter, setting the stage for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to delay an unpopular sales tax hike and call a snap election two years before he has to go to the polls.

• Halliburton to buy Baker Hughes for \$34.6 bln

Halliburton Co, the world's second-largest oilfield services provider, said it would buy smaller rival Baker Hughes Inc for about \$34.6 billion in cash and stock.

Despite weakness in the **global markets** after an unexpected economic contraction in Japan, **Canada's main stock index** pointed higher start. The world's third-largest economy shrank by an annualised 1.6 percent in the third quarter and added to worries about global growth. **U.S. stock indexes** pointed lower slightly to start. The **dollar** rose against a basket of currencies and **brent** tumbled as Saudi Arabia reiterated the oil price should be left to supply and demand. **Gold** advanced early on amiegpicton@gmail.com safe-haven bids but has since given way to a strong US dollar.

• **Cenovus Energy Inc (CVE)**. The independent oil producer said on Friday it has received regulatory approval for its Telephone Lake oil sands project, a facility that could eventually produce more than 300,000 barrels of oil per day. Cenovus said Telephone Lake will be developed in stages, with a 90,000 bpd initial phase, followed by expansions. However, it will not make a final decision on whether to proceed with construction until next year.

• **Onex Corp (OCX)**. The Canadian buyout firm is leading the bidding for Swiss packaging group SIG Combibloc Group, a source familiar with the deal said. Onex is expected to reach an agreement with SIG as early as this week, the source said. Onex is expected to pay roughly 3.6 billion euros for the world's second largest maker of drink cartons, two different people familiar with the deal said.

• **Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd (OR)**. The company said it would buy gold explorer **Virginia Mines Inc (VGQ)** for about C\$479 million. Osisko Gold's said its offer is worth C\$14.19 per Virginia Mines share, representing a 41 percent premium to the stock's closing on Friday.

• **Sears Canada (SCC)**. JPMorgan Chase said its agreement relating to the Sears Card and Sears MasterCard credit cards in Canada will terminate on the expiration date of Nov. 15, 2015, a setback for the struggling clothing and household goods retailer. JPMorgan said it will continue to service the Sears Canada credit card business to at least November 15, 2015 and will have no obligation to do so after such date.

• **TransCanada Corp (TRP)**. A Democratic leader said on Sunday a single vote could determine the fate of the Keystone XL pipeline in the U.S. Senate this week but that President Barack Obama was likely to veto the bill even if it passes. The 45 Republicans in the Senate need to find 15 Democrats to join them in voting for the pipeline in order to send the bill to Obama. The legislation circumvents the need for approval of the company's \$8 billion project by the Obama administration, which has been considering it for more than six years.

• **Valeant Pharmaceuticals (VRX)**. Allergan Inc is close to a buyout deal worth up to \$65.5 billion by Actavis Plc, one that could end months of pursuit by the Canadian company and William Ackman's hedge fund, Pershing Square Capital Management, according to a person familiar with the matter. Actavis may pay Allergan between \$215 and \$220 per share, with the final price likely coming at the high end of that range, according to the source. A deal could be announced as early as Monday, the source said.

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