

## Stocks to watch on the Australian stock exchange at close

SYDNEY, Nov 19 AAP - Stocks to watch on the Australian stock exchange at noon:

FFF - FIRSTFOLIO LTD - up 1.2c or 25pct to 6c

Mortgage and financial services group Firstfolio Ltd is in negotiations to acquire up to \$6 billion in loan assets from three separate companies.

AMC - AMCOR LTD - down 3c to \$5.64

Amcors Ltd said it will raise \$US850 million (\$A918 million) by issuing fixed coupon notes to US private investors, allowing the company to diversify the sources of its \$3.4 billion of net debt.

MGR - MIRVAC GROUP - down 2c to \$1.555

Property company Mirvac, which posted a net loss for 2008/09, has faced strong criticism from shareholders angry about full year pay rises for its directors.

NWS - NEWS CORPORATION - down 10c to \$15.84

NWSLV - NEWS CORPORATION NON-VOTING - down 12c to \$13.45

Britain's Times newspaper plans to charge for digital content from next spring, its editor said, two weeks after his boss Rupert Murdoch said such plans may be delayed beyond next June.

SHL - SONIC HEALTHCARE LTD - up 1c to \$14.19

Pathology and radiology services provider Sonic Healthcare on Thursday re-affirmed its guidance of 10 to 15 per cent growth in net profit after tax for the 2010 full year.

BPT - BEACH PETROLEUM LTD - down 1c to 82.5c

Beach Petroleum Ltd has entered into a non-binding deal with a US-based synthetic fuels technology company with a view to joint development and commercialisation of Beach's large gas resources in South Australia.

HST - HASTIE GROUP LTD - up 0.5c to \$1.855

Building services provider Hastie Group says it has expanded its coverage of the northern Queensland and northern NSW markets with two acquisitions.

FPH - FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION LTD - untraded, last traded at \$2.43

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare reported a 31 per cent rise in half year net profit to \$NZ37 million (\$A29.67 million).

BBP - BABCOCK AND BROWN POWER LTD - last traded 3.5 cents

Securities in Babcock and Brown Power will remain suspended from trading on the Australian stock exchange while the company continues talks with North West Shelf gas sellers and their banks over gas contract arbitration in Western Australia.

DJS - DAVID JONES LTD -

Retailer David Jones says it has secured exclusive department store rights to the fashion labels of designer Carla Zampatti and her daughter, Bianca Spender.

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SYDNEY, Nov 19 AAP - Stocks to watch on the Australian stock exchange at close:

FFF - FIRSTFOLIO LTD - up 1.5c or 31.25pct at 6.3c

Mortgage and financial services group Firstfolio Ltd is in negotiations to acquire up to \$6 billion in loan assets from three separate companies.

AMC - AMCOR LTD - up 4c at \$5.65

Amcors Ltd said it will raise \$US850 million (\$A918 million) by issuing fixed coupon notes to US private investors, allowing the company to diversify the sources of its \$3.4 billion of net debt.

MGR - MIRVAC GROUP - down 2.5c at \$1.55

Property company Mirvac, which posted a net loss for 2008/09, has faced strong criticism from shareholders angry about full year pay rises for its directors.

NWS - NEWS CORPORATION - down 8c at \$15.86

NWSLV - NEWS CORPORATION NON-VOTING - down 13c at \$13.44

Britain's Times newspaper plans to charge for digital content from next spring, its editor said, two weeks after his boss Rupert Murdoch said such plans may be delayed beyond next June.

SHL - SONIC HEALTHCARE LTD - up 2c at \$14.20

Pathology and radiology services provider Sonic Healthcare on Thursday re-affirmed its guidance of 10 to 15 per cent growth in net profit after tax for the 2010 full year.

BPT - BEACH PETROLEUM LTD - steady at 83.5c

Beach Petroleum Ltd has entered into a non-binding deal with a US-based synthetic fuels technology company with a view to joint development and commercialisation of Beach's large gas resources in South Australia.

HST - HASTIE GROUP LTD - up 1.5c at \$1.865

Building services provider Hastie Group says it has expanded its coverage of the northern Queensland and northern NSW markets with two acquisitions.

FPH - FISHER & PAYKEL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION LTD - up 10c at \$2.53

Fisher & Paykel Healthcare reported a 31 per cent rise in half year net profit to \$NZ37 million (\$A29.67 million).

BBP - BABCOCK AND BROWN POWER LTD - last traded at 7.6c

Securities in Babcock and Brown Power will remain suspended from trading on the Australian stock exchange while the company continues talks with North West Shelf gas sellers and their banks over gas contract arbitration in Western Australia.

DJS - DAVID JONES LTD - down 6c at \$5.73

Retailer David Jones says it has secured exclusive department store rights to the fashion labels of designer Carla Zampatti and her daughter, Bianca Spender.

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