BUSINESS

Euro group optimistic on tackling US slowdown

AFP, Brussels

The 12-nation Euro group on Monday said it was "realistically optimistic" on its ability to deal with the US economic slowdown as well as the world at large.

"I can confirm this realistic optimism for the curo zone and very reasonable capacity to resist a slowdown in the world at large." said Belgian Finance Minister the reforms, said Reynders. Didier Reynders, who chaired the morning Euro group meeting.

"That is our message...to the G7 meeting next Saturday in Palermo (Italy), confirming our real- Union istic confidence in euro area," said

He added that the Euro group viewed the euro "as a strong currency within a strong economy...which promotes growth.."

the euro zone economic situation. the second quarter." saying they "largely agreed" with most of its points.

termed a "policy mix" among the 12 countries, and called for budgetary consolidation and "progressing structural reforms."

It stressed the need to reinforce The ministers were meeting

informally prior to a meeting of economic and finance ministers of the full 15-member European

Reynders said the Euro group was looking to the Group of Seven industrialised countries meeting on Saturday as "a first contact with our American colleagues for a

zone considered an International the methods analysts are using rent EU presidency, Sweden, has Monetary Fund (IMF) report on when they foresee a US recovery in not adopted the common cur-

"The Euro group wishes to reinforce the role of of the Euro The IMF report noted what it area," he told a news conference. "It wishes to insure there is internal cohesion in the Euo area and in the way the ... area is presented."

The Euro zone guidelines "cover the whole union, all member states," he said "But we believe they should place particular stress on the common currency, which is our common destiny and all that that implies for reinforcement of economic policy coordination, to further the need to bring forward structural reforms in the Euro area to boost productivity within the area."

The 12 ministers of the euro rent situation and, perhaps, also of the Euro group because the curdents.

Internal Market Commissioner Pedro Solbes said there were "certain problems that remain" in the actual changeover to the common currency in less than 11

There are some concerns in the public on inflationary effects of the introduction of euro," he said. "That is why we want to increase measures to promote use of euro and avoid any problems that would lead to unjustified inflation as a result of the changeover."

Reynders said the Euro group and the European Central Bank (ECB) intended to work more Revnders, whose country takes closely to strengthen the dialogue better understanding of the cur- the EU presidency in July, chairs between their respective presi-

Hallmark Pharma

The Annual Sales Conference 2000

Hallmark Pharmaceuticals

Limited, an enterprise of Uttara

Group, was held on at the Confer-

ence Hall of Hotel Shaibal in Cox's

Bazar recently, says a press re-

by all the members of its sales

team from all over the country and

addressed, among others, by

Matiur Rahman, Chairman and

Managing Director of Uttara

Group and Hallmark Pharmaceu-

ticals Ltd, Mujibur Rahman, Di-

rector of Uttara Group and Hallmark Pharmaceuticals and S M

Mahfuzur Rahman, Director Op-

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holds annual

sales confce



Matiur Rahman, Chairman and Managing Director of Uttara Group and Hallmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., addresses the Annual Sales Conference 2000 of Hallmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd at Cox's Bazar recently. Mujibur Rahman, Director of Uttara Group and Hallmark Pharmaceuticals, and S M Mahfuzur Rahman, Director Operations of Hallmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd, are also seen.

Indonesia signs \$9b deal to supply gas to S'pore

AP, Jakurta

In its biggest business deal since the Asian financial crisis, Indonesia on Monday signed a \$9 billion agreement with Singapore to supply natural gas to the island state for the next 20 years.

Singapore's Trade Minister George Yeo said the agreement represented a positive step forward in relations between the two countries which were strained The conference was attended | recently after Indonesia's President Abdurrahman Wahid threatened to shut off the city-state's water supply.

> "The social, political and economic links that bind Singapore and Indonesia together are longstanding," the visiting said.

Yeo said the agreement "marked an important milestone in the long-term economic relationship between Indonesia and

Indonesia's energy minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro said the deal would contribute significantly to economy as it struggles to recover from its worst downturn in a generation. In 1998, Indonesia's economy contracted by more than 14 per cent. The deal, signed by Singapore

Power and Indonesia's Pertamina oil and gas company, will see natural gas from the Asmara gas fields on Sumatra island delivered to Singapore, along a new 500kilometre (300-mile) pipeline costing \$1.2 billion.

The supply of gas will start from July 2003 after construction of the high-pressure pipeline is

Last month, a 640-kilometre (400-mile) underwater pipeline linking Singapore with the Indonesia's Natuna Sea natural gas fields was inaugurated.



A technical seminar on Tata Chemicals was held at a city hotel on Sunday. Kapil Mehan, Vice-president of Tata Chemicals Ltd, A. K. Sethi, General Manager of Tata International Ltd, I. L. Momin, Head of Chemical Operations, and Sujay Nag, Sr Country Manager of Bangladesh, are seen at the seminar

Emirates Captain John Brennar and his team of EK036 prepare for take off as the first flight to use Manchester's new second runway recently.

Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela 'reactivate' G-3 partnership

Three-way summit set for April in Caracas

AFP, Cancun, Mexico

Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়ে ন জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd., Town

Khalishpur, Khulna invites sealed quotation under 2 (two)

envelope system against International Tender Enquiry No

KNM/PD(F)-24A/2000 dated 27.01.2001 for purchase of 400

ADMT Bleached Soft Wood Kraft Pulp (sheet) or C&F (C)

Mongla liner term basis under CASH FOREIGN

EXCHANGE. The quotation will be received within 11.00 am

on 12.03.2001 in the office of the Sr General Manager

(Purchase). BCIC. Dhaka, Dy Police Commissioner (North),

Khulna and Addl Chief Manager (Purchase), KNM Ltd.

Khulna which shall be opened immediately thereafter. Tender

documents shall be available on payment of Tk 1000.00 (one

thousand) per set (non-refundable) from 1) KNM Ltd, Khulna

2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka & 3) BCIC Branch

Office, 6-Agrabad C/A., Chittagong, Earnest money is Tk 1%

of the total quoted C&F(C) value. No tender documents shall

be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right

to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason

নিলাম দরপত্র

Addl Chief Manager (Purchase)

For Managing Director

During their two-day meeting "Thanks to the invitation from in this Caribbean resort, officials (Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge) Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela reviewed an earlier document Castaneda, we were able to reach on Sunday worked to "reactivate" outlining ways to "relaunch" the an important decision, to reactitheir Group of Three (G-3) trading G-3 and crafted strategies for vate the Group of Three, and set partnership, in preparation for strengthening the union at the an agenda for our presidents' April's three-way summit in Cara- behest of the three nations' heads summit," declared Guillermo Fernandez, Castaneda's Colombian BCIC International

Pastrana and Manuel Marulanda, leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), revived Colombia's moribund peace process on Friday, though they failed to offer other

concrete measures. The pair signed a 13-point agreement to relaunch stalled peace talks which also details stop-gap mechanisms to ensure they do not collapse again.

Government of the People's

Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Procurement & Maintenance Division Chittagong

Tender Notice

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Time limit for

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Places of

08/2000-2001 EE (R&H), Procurement & Maintenance Division, Chittagong. Date: 21-01-2001/16-10-1407 Bang. Work of supply of electrical goods for use in

the different offices/stores section & security section under the Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Maintenance Division, Chittagong during 2000-2001 year. Work of electrical repairing and replacement of warehouse at Mansurabad in Chittagong of the (R&H), Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Maintenance Division, Chittagong during 2000-2001 fiscal year. 15 (fifteen) days only from the date of issue

a) Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Maintenance Division, Chittagong. availability of b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Equipment tender schedule Control Division, Mansurabad, Chittagong. c) Sub-divisional Engineer (R&H),

contractor of this division.

Procurement & Maintenance Sub-division, Chittagong. As per schedule. At the rate of 2% of the estimated cost. 'A' to 'C' general category contractors of Roads & Highways Department, 'D' category

contractors of Equipment Control &

Procurement Circle, Dhaka and 'E' category

Offices to

receive tender

Last date of

10. Date & time of

selling tender

receiving tender

Date and time of

Estimated cost

Earnest money

Eligibility of

contractors

Superintending Engineer (R&H), Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka. b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement Maintenance Division, Mansurabad,

c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Equipment Control Division, Mansurabad, Chittagong. 25-02-2001/13-11-1407 Bang during office 26-02-2001/14-11-1407 Bang till 12-00

05-03-2001/21-11-1407 Bang till 1.00 pm.

opening tender 12. Cost of Bangladesh Form No-2908/2911 alongwith schedule is Taka 515/= & Tk 525/= per set.

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Arun Kumar Chakrabarti Executive Engineer (R&H) Procurement & Maintenance Division, Mansurabad, Chittagong.

Daewoo Motor plant closes for 3 weeks Bid to cut costs, inventories

AFP, Seoul

South Korea's bankrupt Daewoo Motor Co began a three-week shutdown of its main plant Monday to reduce costs and inventories, as management and unions wrestled over massive job cuts.

Operations at the Lanos sedan assembly lines in Pupyong, west of Seoul, have stopped today to be halted until march 6 as earlier announced," Daewoo Motor spokesman Kim Sang-Won, told

Other assembly lines for Leganza and Magnus sedans at the

BCIC 1271-5/2/2001

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Pupyong piant had stopped as well through unions strikes, he added. ahead of a planned temporary closure starting on Thursday.

The failed South Korean carmaker has been under pressure to reduce debts through wage cuts and layoffs, which unions strongly

Vessels at Kutubdia

Energy Explorer-IV

Management plans to lay off another 1,918 production workers, as part of a programme to slash a total of 6,884 jobs or a third of its workforce, during the three-weeklong temporary closure at the Pupyong plant.

BCIC Tender Notice বিসিআইসি'র পন্য শিল্পায়, ন জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Sealed tenders are invited for repairing one steel reenforced/conveyer belt of the Managing Director, CUFL, Chittagong only from those who have the facility to make conveyor belt or repairing and volcanising. Tender document will be available from 1) Accounts Division, CUFL. Chittagong, and 2) BCIC Branch Office, 06 Agrabad, Chittagong on payment of Taka 500/- per set till 27-02-2001. Tenders will be received by 1) Senior General Manager, BCIC, Branch Office, Agrabad, Chittagong, 2) General Manager (MTS), CUFL, Rangadia, Chittagong on 28-02-2001 till 11-00 am and tenders will be opened immediately after the last time of receiving tenders. Earnest money for an amount of Taka 10,000/- (ten thousand taka only) in the forms of Pay Order/DD from any enlisted bank must be submitted with the tender.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

> Mir Muzaffar Ali General Manager (MTS) Division

> > On behalf of the

Managing Director

CURRENCY

Following are vesterday's Standard Chartered Bank foreign exchange rates

			indicative	against	the Tal	ka t	o major cum	encies:		
Selling				Currency		Buying				
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SHIPPING

Chittagong port

berth position and performance of vessels as on 12.02.2001						
Berth	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port	Loc		
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Berth	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local	Date of	Leaving
no			call	agent	arrival	
]/1	Southern Queen	GI(Copra)	Sing	Aeka	28/11	-
1/2	Triumph Kaohsiung	Gi(St.C)	Sing	RML	7/2	13/2
1/3	Pacific Emerald	GI(Copra)	P Kel	Allseas	21/1	12/2
1/4	Oriental Queen	C.Clink	Kant	RML	2/2	18/2
1/5	Century	GI(St.CE)	Bang	Rainbow	01/2	13/2
1/6	Jasmine	Wheat(P)	MOM	SMSL	15/1	13/2
1/7	Shun Cheng	GI	Sing	Seaglory	5/2	17/2
1/8	Leona	GI	'- Sing	Prog	4/2	13/2
1/9	Wheishan U	rea(BCIC)	Nank	Apex	01/2	19/2
1/10	Emma Oldendorff	GI(St.St)	Chani	- RSA	7/2	
1/11	Banga Bijoy	Cont	Col	Baridhi	6/2	12/2
1/12	OSG Alpha	Cont	Sing	RSL	1/2	12/2
1/13	Banglar Moni	Cont	Sing	BSC	7/2	12/2
CCT/1	Kota Berjaya	Cont	Sing	Pil(BD)	3/2	14/2
CCT/2	Orient Indepndnece	Cont	P Kel	BD Ship	2/2	12/2
CT/3	Jurong Balsam	Cont	Sing	Nol	4/2	15/2
RM/14	Banglar Kallol	IDLE	K.Dia	Lams	27/1	15/2
CCI	Togo Charm	C.Clink	Kushi	Seacom	11/2	16/2
TSP	Piran	Rphos	Sing	Seacoast	29/1	14/2
RM/4	Olympic Flame	CPO	Bintu	MTCL	10/2	-
RM/5	Fagle Aries	HSD/MS	Sing	MSTPL	9/2	12/2
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	C.Oil		BSC	R/A	12/2
CUFLI	Mary Nour	Cement	Lang	BSL	4/2	20/2
Vessels	due at outer anch	orage				
Name o	f vessels 1	Date of L	Port 1	Local	Cargo	Loading

Vessels due at outer anch	horage		0		
Name of vessels	Date of	L Port	Local	Cargo	Loading
	arrival	call	agent		port
Triumph Hongkong (72)4/2	12/2	Hald	RML	Projmat	10 21572
Svendbord Guardian (72) 31	/1 13/2	new	Everett	Projmat+Cont	
Acturia (Cont) 01/2	12/2	P.Kel	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Banga Birol (Cont) 01/2	12/2	P.Kel	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Juris Avots (E/L) 10/2	12/2	-	MMI	Vehi	
Juneau	12/2	Sing	OTBL		-
Nibung	12/2	Jaka	OTBL	Scraping	-
Tug Britoil-12	12/2	jaka	OTBL		
Tug Seaways-4	12/2	Sing	OTBL	Cargo	
Sea Lantern	12/2	Kant	OLM	C.Clink	
Dea Captain	12/2	Sing	Arafeen	P.Mat	
Indian Goodwill	12/2	-	PSAL	-C.Clink	
Banga Bonik (Cont)5/2	13/2	Col	Bdship	Cont	-
Kuo Hsiung (Cont) 5/2	13/2	P.Kel	QCSL		Sing
Bombay	13/2	-	RML	R.Phos	
Danaisp	13/2		Seacom	C.Clink	
Dannau Toba (72) 28/1	15/2	Yang	Everett	Gi(St.C)	-
A.A. Venture	16/2	Kara	Cla	Rice(P)+GI	
banga Biraj (Cont) 5/2	14/2		Bdship		Sing
Xpress Nuptse (Cont) 10/2	16/2		Everbest		Sing
Pathein	16/2	Yang		Rice(P)	-
Xpress Renown (Cont 8/2	16/2	-	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Robi (Cont) 11/2	16/2	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Boxer Capt Cook (Cont) 10/2		-	TTL	Cont	sing
Qc Pintail (Cont) 5/2	18/2		QCSL	Cont	Sing
Kota Cahaya (Cont) 10/2	18/2	Sing	Pil(BD)	Cont	Sing
Da Fa (Cont) 8/2	19/2	-	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Shikha (Cont) 11/2	19/2	sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Banga Lanka (Cont) 10/2	20/2	-	Bdship	Cont	Sing
San Mateo (Roro/24)4/2	20/2	Sing	IF	Vehi	-
Kota Bintang (Cont) 10/2	21/2	Sing	Pil(BD0	Cont	Sing
Kota Naga (Cont) 10/2	22/2	Sing	Pil9BD)	Cont	Sing
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Dea Conqueror		-	Arafeen	R/A (31/12)
Dea Champion		Sing	Arafeen	5/2
eabulk Command			IBS	R/A (20/1)
anat Qatar	C.Oil	Jebe	USS	10/2
anglar Shourabh	C.Oil		BSC	R/A(11/2)
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nami (Cont)	Cont	Sing	Cross	10/2
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ai Long	Hsd	Juba	ECSL	9/2
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and Cond	Scraping	Sing	UMTL	3/2

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Timur Queen	Сро	Belw	Rainbow	11/2
Jon Jin	C.Clink	Tans	NWSL	7/2
Dai Long	Hsd	Juba	ECSL	9/2
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Yong Kong	Scraping	Sing	UMTL	3/2
Viva Treasure	Scraping	Bela	UMTL	4/2
Amyn	Scraping	Sing	OTBL	9/2
General Madalinski	Scraping	Momb	AHZ	9/2
Flag Karin	Scraping	Momb	Ahz	9/2
Accord	Cement	Sing	Viking	5/4
Revenge			Sunshine	R/A (9/10)
Xing Ye	Rice(G)		MHCSL	R/A (20/6)
Karya Sentosa	Rice(G)	-	USTC	R/A (18/9)
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Karya Sentosa	Rice(G)	-	USTC R/A (18/9)			
Movement of vessels for 13 & 14.2.2001						
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1/3	P. Emerald	1/2	T. Hong Kong			
1/5	Century	1/6	Ganga Nagra			
1/6	jasmine	1/5	Ion Jin			
1/8	Elona	NB	City of Houstrom			
RM/4	O.Flame	NB	Juris Avots			
DOI	B. Shourabh	1/8	S. Guardian			
		RM/4	T. Queen			
		DOI	B.Jyoti			
		GSI	B.Urmi			

K. Singa

CCT/I E Oldendro The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port

as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা

thereof.

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उब्रामा

DFP-3443-7/2

(পানির অপচয় রোধে কাজ শেষে কলের মুখ বন্ধ করুন)

এতদারা সরকারী, আধাসরকারী ও স্বায়ত্রশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় শ্রেণীর সরবরাহকারী ঠিকাদার/প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারক এবং ইচ্ছুক ক্রেতাদের নিকট হইতে ৯টি কার স্ক্রেপ ভ্যাল্য হিসাবে নিলামে বিক্রয় (নয়টি ভিন্ন ভিন্ন সিডিউল) কাজের নিমিত্ত টেভার আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ২৭/২/২০০১ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ২-০০ টার সময় দরপত্রদাতা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

আগামী ২৬/২/২০০১ইং পর্যন্ত ঢাকা ওয়াসার প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তার অফিস, ওয়াসা ভবন, ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা ও ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল মডস জোন অফিসে টেভারের সিডিউল পাওয়া যাইবে। অন্যান্য বিস্তারিত বিবরণ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে शाउरा यादित।

ঠিকানা ঃ "ওয়াসা ভবন" ৯৮, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা

জাহিদুল আরিফ निर्वाशै अरको भनी ওয়াসা-জঃতঃ ৪৮/২০০১ সংগ্ৰহ বিভাগ জিডি-১৩৫ णका उग्रामा।