

Don't Miss It: Hot Deals & Firms We're Following This Week

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Law360, New York (April 29, 2016, 5:12 PM ET) -- With so much mergers and acquisitions news this week, you may have missed several deals announced in recent days, with firms such as Cooley, Skadden and Alston & Bird at the helm.

Here, Law360 recaps the ones you might have missed.

Rovi Corp. on Friday inked a \$1.1 billion acquisition of TiVo Inc., the companies said. The cash-and-stock deal will see each TiVo share swapped for \$2.75 in cash and \$7.95 worth of stock in a new holding company that will own both Rovi and Tivo, according to a statement.

Rovi is being advised by Cooley LLP. Evercore is serving as financial adviser. A Debevoise & Plimpton LLP team led by partners Jeffrey J. Rosen and Michael A. Diz is advising Evercore.

TiVo is being advised by Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP. LionTree Advisors is acting as financial adviser.

The Skadden team includes corporate partners Thomas Ivey and Leif King, associate Nels Hansen, and associates Nicole Howell and Dushan Kanazir; intellectual property and technology counsel Carrie LeRoy; executive compensation and benefits partner Joseph Yaffe and counsel Kristin Davis; tax partner Sean Shimamoto; and antitrust and competition partner Maria Raptis.

First Cash Financial Services Inc. and fellow pawn store operator Cash America International Inc. inked a \$2.4 billion merger of equals, the companies said Thursday.

First Cash is being advised by Alston & Bird LLP. Credit Suisse is serving as lead financial adviser, while Cornstock Capital & Advisory Group LLC and Pi Capital International LLC are also serving as financial advisers.

Cash America is being advised by Hunton & Williams LLP. Jefferies LLC is serving as exclusive financial adviser. A Covington & Burling LLP team including partner J.D. Weinberg and associates Silas Lum and Max Heuer is advising Jefferies on the transaction.

Oracle inked a \$663 million acquisition of Textura, a provider of construction contracts and payment cloud services, the companies said Thursday.

Mayer Brown LLP advised Textura. The Mayer Brown team includes corporate attorneys William R. Kucera, Frederick B. "Fritz" Thomas, David A. Schuette, Andrew J. Noreuil, Nicole M. Puza, Michael Weigel, Tyler W. Pate, Joshua L. La Vigne, Chardon D. Stuart and Michael L. Hermsen; IP attorneys Richard M. Assmus, Megan T. Levine, Guy W. Barcelona Jr. and Derek J. Schaffner; employee benefits attorney James C. Williams; labor attorney Kim A. Leffert, Nina Ruvinsky and Marcia E. Goodman; tax attorneys Lee Morlock and Christopher Odell; antitrust attorney William H. Stallings and Jens Peter Schmidt; and litigation attorneys Michele L. Odorizzi and Ryan W. Fuoss.

HanesBrand on Thursday said it will pay AU\$1.15 billion for Pacific Brands, the company that owns popular Australian underwear brand Bonds.

Cypress Semiconductor Corp. will buy Broadcom Ltd.'s internet-of-things business in an all cash deal worth \$550 million, the companies said Thursday.

Cypress is being advised by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Greenhill & Co. LLC is serving as lead financial adviser, while Bank of America Merrill Lynch is also serving as financial adviser as well as providing committed debt financing.

The Wilson Sonsini team includes M&A chairman Larry Sonsini and partner Michael Ringer and associates Alexander Kingsley, Matthew Baudler and Shaherzad Azim; corporate finance partners Andrew Hirsch and Kathleen Rothman and associate Dana Hall; IP technology transactions partners Suzanne Bell and TJ Graham and associates Tracy Rubin and Brandon Palmen; real estate partner Susan Reinstra, counsel Kimberly McMorro and associate Sean Wilkinson; employee benefits and compensation partner John Aguirre and associates Michael Klippert and Jaqueline Tokuda; and tax partner Ivan Humphreys and of counsel Andrew Bryant.

Anglo American PLC will sell its Brazil-based niobium and phosphates businesses for \$1.5 billion in cash to China Molybdenum Co. Ltd., the companies said Thursday.

Schlumberger said Wednesday it will acquire coiled tubing drilling and coiled tubing units from Xtreme Drilling and Coil Services Corp. The transaction is reportedly worth CA\$205 million.

Canada-based Suncor Energy Inc. upped its holdings in its Syncrude joint venture by 5 percent, the company said Wednesday. Suncor will pay CA\$937 million to grow its stake to 53.74 percent, according to a statement.

Huron Consulting Group Inc., which provides business consulting services, will acquire the U.S. assets of ADI Strategies Inc., which provides performance management, risk management and business intelligence services, for an undisclosed amount in a deal led by Skadden.

The Skadden team advising Huron Consulting was led by M&A partner Shilpi Gupta, executive compensation and benefits partner Joseph Yaffe and tax partner Victor Hollender.

Ball and roller bearings manufacturer SKF, led by Reed Smith LLP, will sell its Kaydon velocity control business to automotive and industrial markets supplier Stabilus for \$339 million, according to a Tuesday statement.

The Reed Smith team includes corporate partners Courtney Murray, Kristin Wells and Constantin Conrads, antitrust partner Debra Dermody and Michelle Mantine, and associates Nikki Bechtold,

Bennett Reed, Anya Lernetovych and Rita Novak.

Shearman & Sterling LLP led Finnish mobile equipment company Nokia in its plans to acquire Withings SA, a company in the connected health space, for €170 million, the companies said Tuesday.

The Shearman team is led by M&A partners Guillaume Isautier and Scott Petepiece, associates Leila Dhouib and Kim Doan and counsel Mathias Stocker; antitrust partner Geert Goeteyn; IP transactions partner Jordan Altman and associate JB Betker; compensation, governance and ERISA partner Doreen Lilienfeld and counsel Francoise Even; and tax counsel Anne-Sophie Maes.

Private equity firm Advent International will buy Mexico-based agrochemical manufacturer Viakem SA de CV for an undisclosed amount, according to a Monday statement. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Advent is represented by Galicia Abogados. Viakem is represented by Santos Elizondo Cantu Rivera Gonzalez de la Garza Mendoza SC.

U.K. pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca unveiled a licensing agreement on Tuesday with Ironwood Pharmaceuticals for the exclusive U.S. rights to Zurampic, a medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December for the treatment of hyperuricemia associated with uncontrolled gout.

The agreement will see AstraZeneca pay up to \$265 million in milestone payments as well as tiered single-digit royalties on product sales, the companies said.

Specialty chemical company Lanxess, led by Shearman & Sterling, will snap up the cleaning and disinfectant business of U.S.-based chemical company Chemours in a deal worth €210 million, the companies said Monday. Chemours' branded disinfectant is used globally for veterinary disinfection to prevent diseases like foot-and-mouth disease or avian flu.

The Shearman team is led by global head of M&A George Casey and M&A counsel Heiko Schiwiek and includes compensation governance and ERISA partner Doreen Lilienfeld and associate David Ling; IP transactions partner Jordan Altman and associate JB Betker; tax partners Laurence Bambino and Ethan Harris and associates Jeffrey Tate and Adam Sternberg; antitrust partner Beau Buffier and associates Kelly Karapetyan and Arjun Chandran; environmental counsel Jason Pratt; counsel Robert Fagiola; M&A associates Greg Gewirtz, Samara Thomas and Maroun El Hachem; and corporate associate Kathey Guo.

Retail logistics company Core-Mark Holding Co., led by Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP, said Monday it will buy almost all of the assets held by Pine State Convenience, a New England-based retail marketer and distributor, for \$112 million.

The Weil team includes corporate partner Craig Adas and associates Nicholas Doloresco and Daniel Schwimmer; tax partner Jared Rusman and associate Tristan Evans-Wilent; employee benefits partner Paul Wessel and associate August Huelle; technology and IP transactions partner John Brockland and associate Max Scott; antitrust counsel Vadim Brusser and associate Alexis Brown-Reilly; and labor counsel Lawrence Baer.

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