



Media reports said French Connection's founder, Stephen Marks, was looking to sell his 42% stake in the business, sparking speculation that Mike Ashley's Sports Direct International PLC (LON:SPD) may launch a bid for the main market company.

Also climbing were shares of MYCELX Technologies Corporation (LON:MYXR), up 21% to 225p after the company raised its 2018 revenue and profit forecasts after winning a project order from Saudi Arabia.

AIM-quoted MYCELX, which produces clean-water technology for the oil and gas market, said it now expects revenue in the range of \$21.5m to \$22.5m, and net profit in the range of \$1.8m to \$2.3m.

Among share-price losers, Diurnal Group PLC (LON:DNL) plunged 63% to 45p after the company's flagship Chronocort drug failed in a late-stage clinical trial.

Diurnal has been developing Chronocort as a treatment for people with congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH). The AIM-listed drug maker had hoped to show the treatment was better than current therapies, but the trial showed Chronocort offered no real improvement on what's already available.

Amino Technologies PLC (LON:AMO) shares slid 68% to 143.50p after the set-top box maker issued a profit warning.

Adjusted profit before for the full-year is expected to be around US\$11.5m, versus US\$11.2m in 2017 and US\$3.8m at the halfway point of this year. Amino blamed an "intensification of external macroeconomic headwinds" for the profit warning.

#### Proactive news headlines

Out-of-home virtual reality company Immotion Group PLC (LON:IMMO) has disposed of its loss-making Japanese entertainment division.

MySQUAR Limited (LON:MYSQ), the Myanmar-language technology company is to sell and promote WeChat advertising products and services in Myanmar.

MTI Wireless Edge Ltd's (LON:MWE) subsidiary, Mottech Water Solutions Ltd, has secured a contract for its wireless irrigation software in Mozambique, its first in the country.

Base Resources LTD (LON:BSE) has provided an update on reserves and resources at its mineral sands projects in Africa. Around 13m tonnes of ore was mined out in the 12 months to June 2018 at Kwale, but this has been made up for by the new 857m tonne resource in Madagascar.

Physiomics Plc (LON:PYC) saw revenues almost double last year, bolstered by the signing of a lucrative contract with German firm Merck KGaA.

Ironridge Resources LTD (LON:IRR) has hit more high grade lithium at its Ewoyaa project in Ghana. Results from a further 2,206 metres of drilling include multiple broad high-grade drill intersections.

PCF Group Plc (LON:PCF) said its wholly-owned PCF Bank Limited has agreed to buy UK specialist finance provider Azure Limited for up to £5.6m.

hVIVO PLC (AIM:HVO), a specialist in human disease models, said it is in talks with pharmaceutical companies over further deals after landing new contracts worth £9m.

North Sea-focused oil group i3 Energy PLC (LON:I3E) has reshuffled its senior management team with Majid Shafiq taking over as chief executive and founder Neil Carson moving to a non-executive role.

Active Energy Group PLC (LON:AEG) has updated investors on its interest in Canada where it is now amending its application to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, to focus exclusively on forestry opportunities and the

development of one or more dedicated CoalSwitch plants.

Ceres Power Holdings Plc (LON:CWR) has announced it will launch a new fuel cell manufacturing facility in the UK in Redhill, Surrey.

In the financial year to 30 September 2018, Tharisa plc (LON:THS) produced 152,200 ounces of platinum group metals and just under 1.5m tonnes of chrome concentrate from its operations in South Africa.

KEFI Minerals plc (LON:KEFI) has secured approval from local, zonal and regional authorities for the resettlement of local people at the Tulu Kapi gold project in Ethiopia.

Arc Minerals Limited's (LON:ARCM) recent drilling at its Zamsort project has hit wide zones of copper and cobalt similar to other large deposits in Zambia.

BlueRock Diamonds PLC (LON:BRD) achieved record production numbers from its Kareevlei diamond mine in South Africa last quarter.

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