

PROBLEM OF PLENTY

China needs new places to sell its mountain of stuff from factories

With severe factory overcapacity at home and tariffs on exports to the US, Beijing wants to finish a much-delayed Asian free-trade pact

KEITH BRADSHAW
Beijing, July 26



China has too many factories making too many goods. Thanks to its punishing trade war with the US, its biggest overseas customer isn't buying like before. So China is seeking new customers. They could prove to be a hard sell.

China this week formally restarted its efforts to create a free-trade zone across the Asia-Pacific region, with an unlikely goal of striking a deal by November. If successful, the pact could eventually open markets from Australia to India.

Beijing is also trying to keep alive long-shot, three-way talks that would lower trade barriers among China, Japan and South Korea. More broadly, it is unilaterally reducing its own tariffs on a broad range of goods from all over the world, even as it puts higher retaliatory tariffs on American-made goods.

At stake is the health of the Chinese economy. Last week China reported that its growth slowed to its most sluggish pace

in nearly three decades, in part because the trade war with the Trump administration has begun to hit its crucial export sector. Global companies are now looking to shift work to other countries to avoid what could be a protracted trade war.

With no end in immediate sight, China needs new markets for what it makes. "It's hard to replace the US, but you have to try, you have to diversify," said Chen Dingding, a professor of international relations at Jinan University in Guangzhou, China. "We don't want to rely on the US market forever, even though it's important."

But trade pacts are difficult to strike, and China's potential free-trade partners have plenty of reasons to be worried.

No country can absorb the sheer volume of what China sells to American customers. China's regional neighbors compete against it in a number of industries. And China contin-

lead to job losses and further drag down economic growth.

Faced with further potential economic pain, Beijing is looking to open up other markets. The centerpiece of its efforts is a push this summer to negotiate an Asian free trade pact called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, or RCEP. The partnership would encompass the 10 countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea. Midlevel and senior trade officials from across the region began meeting this week in Zhengzhou, China. Their ministers are then scheduled to join them in Beijing on Aug. 2 and 3. The goal is to outline a deal that Asian leaders might then work out at a summit meeting in Bangkok in November.

"We are continuing talking on this, and we hope we can accelerate the speed so that it can be concluded within this year," said Wu Jianghao, the director general of the department of Asian affairs at the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

China's leaders have talked since 2012 about the possibility of such a regional partnership, in response to President Barack Obama's plans for a multination trade deal called the Trans-Pacific Partnership that would have excluded China. Working out a deal would require solving some thorny issues.

"I'm not optimistic about

that deal to be materialized in November," said Takeshi Ninami, chief executive of Suntory, the Japanese beverage company, and a member of a council that advises Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe, on economic issues. "Maybe we need more time," he said.

One obstacle had been China's own high tariffs. Beijing long feared that if it cut tariffs, manufacturers would flee China's surging wages and find lower-cost refuges in countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh.

Starting in May of last year, China began reducing its tariffs. Trade tensions with the United States were rising. Chinese leaders had also become increasingly willing to lower protective walls around the country's labor-intensive, low-tech industries so as to focus on more sophisticated manufacturing. Though average tariffs remain higher than those of the United States and the European Union, the categories for which China has reduced tariffs include many low-tech manufactured goods, like handbags and low-cost garments, which many of China's neighbors would like to export.

"We will continue to lower overall tariffs voluntarily, remove non-tariff barriers, actively increase the import of goods and services, and enhance import facilitation," Premier Li Keqiang said in a speech on July 2 in Dalian, China, at the "summer Davos" session of the World Economic Forum. —NYT

Tesla loses a founder and a piece of its soul

ASHLEE VANCE
Palo Alto, July 26

THERE'S A PHOTO of JB Straubel from 2004 that has become part of Tesla lore. It was taken back when the company was more of a hopeful concept than an actual carmaker. He's in the backyard of his house, hand-gluing lithium ion batteries to a case as part of the arts and crafts project that was Tesla's first vehicle. Straubel, the company's longtime chief technology officer, looks the part of the youthful, eager, problem-solving engineer who has no idea of the hell that's coming for him, and that's exactly what he was. Of course, that version of Straubel also could never have imagined the heights he would achieve.

On Wednesday, as Tesla announced that it had delivered 95,356 cars in its most recent quarter and another net loss, it also revealed that Straubel will cede his CTO position and step away from the daily grind to become an adviser to the company.

For longtime Tesla watchers, it's an astonishing change. Straubel, 43, represents, alongside Elon Musk, the soul of the automaker—a true believer in electric cars and how they could reshape the world. He has been the quiet, grounded complement to Musk's drama-filled, visionary persona.

"It's been an amazing time, and I really, really love the mission and this personal connection and ownership with the whole company," Straubel said



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in a phone interview. "Tesla has evolved. What we need now is a focus on sales, delivery and manufacturing. I have been helping with that in recent years, but it's not what I am best at. There are people in the world who are better at this stuff and enjoy it more."

Tesla has become such a polarizing phenomenon. Some see it as the obvious future of transportation and to others, an elaborate hoax. But before all that, during the early days of the company, Straubel and a team of fellow engineers struggled to produce a single car for a market that insisted no one wanted an electric vehicle anyway.

The struggle lingered through the 2008 financial

crisis, as proper automakers nearly went out of business and Tesla had to plead with Uncle Sam for a loan amid the ensuing financial chaos to keep its quixotic dream alive. A decade later, it's here pumping out hundreds of thousands of cars that are among the safest, fastest, most advanced and desirable vehicles ever made. Most of the auto industry is now trying to mimic it and discovering it's not easy to do.

Among Tesla founders, Straubel was the only one who had thrown his entire life force behind the idea that cars needed to be more environmentally friendly. While at Stanford University, he created a custom major called energy systems and engineering to learn how to better control electricity and power electronics through software.

As I wrote in my biography on Musk, "There was no clean-technology movement at this time, but there were companies dabbling with new uses for solar power and electric vehicles. Straubel ended up hunting down these startups, hanging out in their garages and pestering the engineers."

He also worked on vehicles for Stanford's solar car team and then bought a junkyard Porsche for \$1,600 and converted it into an electric car. After college, Straubel took a job at Rosen Motors, one of the first makers of a hybrid vehicle, and did electronics consulting on the side to help pay bills.

—BLOOMBERG

Kim Jong Un threatens South Korea to gain Trump's attention

JIHYE LEE & JOHN HARNEY
Seoul/Washington, July 26

WHILE KIM JONG UN said his latest missile tests were aimed at South Korea "military warmongers," the North Korean leader had a clear message for U.S. President Donald Trump: Bend in nuclear talks or bigger provocations may follow.

Kim oversaw the "power demonstration fire" of a new type of tactical guided weapon Thursday "to send a solemn warning" to his southern rivals, the official Korean Central News Agency said in a dispatch on the launch. The report came a day after the regime launched what South Korea said were two short-range ballistic missiles that executed maneuvers to avoid detection before plunging into the sea east of the divided peninsula.

Although the report criticized only Seoul—and made no mention of the U.S. or Trump—it referenced "moves to introduce the ultramodern offensive weapons" and "hold military exercises" as the reason for the provocation. South Korea has taken both actions at the urging of the US, and North Korea warned separately last week



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un watches the test-fire of two short-range ballistic missiles on Thursday

that the allies' planned joint drills could jeopardise his willingness to resume talks the Trump administration.

"My reading of this report is that the 'power-demonstration firing' was targeted at both the US and South Korea," said Rachel Minyoung Lee, a Seoul-based analyst with NK Pro. "By omitting any explicit mention of the US in today's report, N Korea sent the signal that it remains interested in talking with the US."

The missile tests were part of a pattern of moves by Kim to signal his frustration with the US, just weeks after he agreed to restart talks during a historic meeting with Trump at the Demilitarized Zone. At the same

time, Kim has attempted to preserve his relationship with Trump, sparing the American president from criticism and only testing weapons that don't violate his pledge to not launch missiles that could reach the U.S.

Trump appeared to validate that strategy during a television interview Thursday in which he shrugged off the latest weapon tests. "They really haven't tested to missiles other than, you know, smaller ones, the -- which is something that lots test," the president told the "Hannity" show on Fox News.

The missiles fired by North Korea Thursday could threaten all of South Korea, where some

Google, FB face the heat in Australia

ANGUS WHITLEY & JASON SCOTT
Sydney, July 26

GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK are facing a regulatory crackdown in Australia to rein in their market dominance, adding to a barrage of global action against the technology giants.

A final report from Australia's competition watchdog released on Friday called for greater anti-trust scrutiny of the dominant US tech companies, recommending penalties and deterrents be imposed for inappropriate storage and use of personal data and breaches of consumer and competition laws.

"The world has never before seen so much commercially sensitive and personal data collected and aggregated in just two companies," Treasurer Josh Frydenberg told reporters in Sydney. The government will hold a 12-week public consultation and announce potential new norms by the end of the year, he said.

The recommendations from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission follow attempts by regulators worldwide to loosen the companies' grip on everything from adver-

tising and search engines, to news, data and elections. The EU has fined Google €8.2 billion (\$9.1 billion) over the past two years for antitrust violations, while on Wednesday Facebook agreed to a \$5 billion settlement in the US over privacy concerns.

Facebook faces a slew of regulatory investigations and potential antitrust scrutiny in its home country, and on Thursday the Federal Trade Commission said it's investigating whether the firm violated antitrust laws through social media, digital advertising and mobile apps.

The ACCC has previously laid bare the control that Alphabet Inc.-owned Google and Facebook, the country's most-visited websites, exert over Australia's 25 million-strong population. At least 94% of online searches in Australia go through Google, the watchdog said in December. And each month, 17 million locals access Facebook, 17 million watch Google-owned YouTube, and 11 million access Instagram, owned by Facebook. Facebook and Instagram together draw about 46% of Australian display advertising revenue. No other website or application has more than 5%, according to the ACCC.

—BLOOMBERG

Missile test was warning to South 'warmongers'

NORTH KOREA'S TEST of a new missile is meant as a "solemn warning" over rival South Korea's weapons development and plans to hold military drills with the US, Pyongyang said Friday as it continued its pressure campaign ahead of talks.

South Korea's military later said the flight data of the weapon launched Thursday showed similarities to the Russian-made Iskander, a short-range, nuclear-capable missile. A North Korean version could likely reach all of South Korea and the 28,500 US forces stationed there and would be extremely hard to intercept. —AP

28,500 US troops are based, and violate United Nations sanctions. They were launched just hours after US National Security Adviser John Bolton departed Seoul. —BLOOMBERG

Tulsi Gabbard sues Google for \$50m for stifling her campaign

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Washington, July 26

TULSI GABBARD, THE Democratic presidential candidate and the first Hindu member of the US Congress, has sued Google for at least \$50 million for the tech giant's "discriminatory actions" against her 2020 election campaign and stifling her free speech rights.

Gabbard, 38, an Iraq war veteran who has been serving as the US Representative for Hawaii's 2nd congressional district since 2013, said in a lawsuit filed on Thursday in a federal court in Los Angeles, that Google infringed on her free speech when it briefly suspended her campaign's advertising account after the first Democratic debate in June.

Tulsi Now, the campaign committee for Gabbard, said Google suspended the campaign's advertising account for six hours on June 27 and June 28, obstructing its ability to raise money and spread her message to potential voters, *The New York Times* reported.

"Google's arbitrary and capricious treatment of Gabbard's campaign should raise concerns for policy makers everywhere about the company's ability to use its domi-



nance to impact political discourse, in a way that interferes with the upcoming 2020 presidential election," the lawsuit said. Google, however, said it had automated systems that flag unusual activity on advertiser accounts - including large spending changes - to prevent fraud, said Jose Castaneda, a spokesman for the company.

"In this case, our system triggered a suspension and the account was reinstated shortly thereafter. We are proud to offer ad products that help campaigns connect directly with voters, and we do so without bias toward any party or political ideology," Gabbard and her campaign are seeking an injunction against Google from further meddling in the election and damages of at least \$50 million, the report said.

"Google's discriminatory actions against my campaign are reflective of how dangerous their complete dominance over internet search is, and how the increasing dominance of big tech companies over our public discourse threatens our core American values," said Gabbard, a co-Chair of the powerful House India Caucus.

"This is a threat to free speech, fair elections, and to our democracy, and I intend to fight back on behalf of all Americans," she said in a statement.

The lawsuit also said the Gabbard campaign believed its emails were being placed in spam folders on Gmail "at a disproportionately high rate" when compared with emails from other Democratic candidates.

Roughly half of the candidates who participated in the first Democratic debates have bought ads to appear at the top of search results for their names, the report said.

The Iraq war veteran has become the first-ever Hindu to be running for the presidency in the US. Gabbard, who converted to Hinduism early in her life and has become the first-ever Hindu to be running for the presidency in the US, is highly popular among Indian-Americans.

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(Regulation 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF TADANO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	
1 NAME OF CORPORATE PERSON	TADANO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
2 DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE PERSON	29.03.2012
3 AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE PERSON IS INCORPORATED/ REGISTERED	REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES - BANGALORE
4 CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE PERSON	U29150KA2012FTC063306
5 ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF ANY) OF CORPORATE PERSON	NO. 821, 3 RD FLOOR, 2 ND CROSS, KHB COLONY, 5 TH BLOCK, KORAMANGALA, BANGALORE - 560095
6 LIQUIDATION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CORPORATE PERSON	25 TH JULY 2019
7 NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE LIQUIDATOR	Mr. PAWAN KUMAR GARG 25-A, J-POCKET, SHEIKH SARAI-2 NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI, NEW DELHI - 110017 MOBILE: 9873981462 EMAIL ID: CA.PAWANGARG@GMAIL.COM IP REGISTRATION NO. IBB/IPA-001/IP-P00608/2017-2018/11069
8 LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS	24 TH AUGUST 2019

Notice is hereby given that Tadano India Private Limited has commenced voluntary liquidation on 25th July 2019. The stakeholders of Tadano India Private Limited are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims, on or before 24th August 2019, to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 7.

The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Pawan Kumar Garg
Name and Signature of Liquidator
IP REGISTRATION NO. IBB/IPA-001/IP-P00608/2017-2018/11069

Date: 27.07.2019
Place: New Delhi

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NOTICE OF NINETEENTH (19TH) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PARTICULARS OF REMOTE E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that:

1. The Nineteenth (19th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shareholders of TeamLease Services Limited (CIN L74140KA2000PLC118395) will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 03:00 P.M. IST at Hotel "The Paul Bangalore" 139/28, Opposite Embassy Golf Links, Domlur Layout, Off Intermediate Ring Road, Bangalore 560071, Karnataka, India, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM dated June 26, 2019 (Notice).

2. Electronic copies of the Notice of AGM and the Annual Report for FY2018-19 has been sent to all Shareholders whose email IDs are registered with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agents/Company/Depository Participant(s) and physical copies of the same has been sent to all the Shareholders whose names appear in the Register of members/ List of beneficial owners as on July 19, 2019 (cut-off date), as per permitted mode at their registered address. These documents are also available at the website of the Company. The Company has completed the dispatch of Notice of AGM and Annual Report both in electronic and physical mode on July 26, 2019.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, substituted by Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment, 2015 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Shareholders holding shares in physical or dematerialized form as on the cut-off date, August 16, 2019 may cast their votes electronically from a place other than the venue of the AGM (remote e-voting) on all resolutions set forth in the Notice. The Company has engaged the services of Karvy Fintech Private Limited (formerly known as Karvy Computershare Private Limited) (Karvy) to provide the e-voting facility. All the Shareholders are hereby informed that:

I. The e-voting facility will be available during the following voting period:	
Commencement of e-voting	End of e-voting
August 20, 2019 at 9:00 am IST	August 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm IST
ii. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM venue is August 16, 2019.	
iii. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Karvy beyond 5:00 P.M. IST on August 22, 2019 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Shareholder, the Shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.	
iv. The facility for e-voting (insta poll) shall be made available at the AGM venue.	
v. The Shareholders who have cast their vote prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.	
vi. A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the AGM venue through e-voting (insta poll).	
vii. The Company has appointed Mr. Mukesh Siroya, M Siroya and Company, Practicing Company Secretaries (FCS: 5682, COP-4157) Mumbai to act as the Scrutinizer for conducting the electronic voting process in a fair and transparent manner.	
4. The Notice and Annual Report along with Attendance Slip, Proxy Form and Instructions relating to e-voting is available on the Company's website www.teamleasegroup.com and also on the website of Karvy https://evoting.karvy.com	
5. In case of any query and/or grievance, in respect of voting by electronic means, Shareholders may refer to the Help & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting user manual available at the download section of https://evoting.karvy.com (Karvy Website) or contact - Rajitha Cholleti / Premkumar Nair, (Unit: TeamLease Services Limited) of Karvy Fintech Private Limited (formerly known as Karvy Computershare Private Limited), Karvy Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanskrampuda, Hyderabad - 500 032 or at emwardr@karvy.com or Phone no. 040 - 6716 1522 or call Karvy's Toll free No. 1-800-34-54-001 for any further clarifications.	

For TeamLease Services Limited
Sd/-
Alaka Chanda
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
(M. No AZ9098)

Date: July 27, 2019
Place: Bangalore

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Extract of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019

Particulars	(Rs. In Lakhs except per share data)			
	Standalone		Consolidated	
	3-Months Ended 30.06.2019	Corresponding 3-Months Ended 30.06.2018	3-Months Ended 30.06.2019	Corresponding 3-Months Ended 30.06.2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Total Income from operations	1,15,135.56	94,599.05	1,25,123.20	1,02,133.17
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax*	1,992.89	2,171.23	1,726.81	2,154.77
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax*	2,047.43	2,101.50	1,879.02	2,181.49
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2,040.59	2,096.72	1,876.13	2,181.38
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10 each)	1,709.68	1,709.68	1,709.68	1,709.68
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	51,183.32	41,556.43	52,201.90	42,457.04
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10 each) (not annualised):				
(a) Basic	11.98	12.29	10.99	12.76
(b) Diluted	11.98	12.29	10.99	12.76

* There was no exceptional and/or extraordinary item for the periods reported above. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Regulations"). The full format of the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites: BSE (www.bseindia.com) & NSE (www.nseindia.com) and also on the Company's website (www.teamleasegroup.com). In terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the aforesaid statement of unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 of the Company have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on July 26, 2019. The aforesaid results for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 have been subjected to limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the applicable Indian Accounting Standards (IND-AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder.

For and on behalf of the Board
For TeamLease Services Limited Sd/-
Ashok Kumar Nedurumalli
Managing Director
DIN: 00151814

Date: July 26, 2019
Place: Bengaluru