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SMALL COMPANIES ROUNDUP

CHINA-BASED healthcare and consumer products group Hutchison China MediTech flew 26p higher to 508½p as first-half revenues shot up 74 per cent to \$17.6million (£11.5million) helped by demand for medicine to fight bird flu.

Pensions consultancy Mattioli Woods was unchanged at 303p after paying £3.24million to buy wealth management business Atkinson Bolton Consulting. Pure Wafer, which helps semi-conductor firms re-use silicon wafers, was ½p stronger at 5¾p as it said second-half trading had been strong.

Luxury jeweller Theo Fennell was unstirred at 6¼p as the Takeover Panel extended EME

Capital's offer deadline to August 16. Conroy Gold & Natural Resources, which has discovered a 30-mile gold district in Ireland, shone 4p to 2p on positive test results.

Wood-hardening technology firm Accsys
Technologies strengthened 0.01p to 0.14p as it

said revenues rose by 76 per cent in the quarter to June.

Investors logged out of Expansys, which runs e-commerce and mobile telecoms businesses, by 0.04p to 0.32p as annual profits dropped to £1.5million from £4.3million last time. Revenues fell to £93.2million from £108.5million with its largest region Europe going "backwards".

