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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks strengthened today, despite the BOJ's decision to loosen the grip on yields, as another round of data bolstered risk-on sentiment. Further optimism was stoked by key gauges of inflation pointing to continued easing. This, in line with yesterday's GDP release, is reinforcing the market belief that the economy remains resilient in the face of aggressive monetary policy tightening. Both the headline and core PCE indices rose by 0.2% m/m in May, marking the slowest pace of expansion in more than two years. The dollar held on to yesterday's gains. Meanwhile, Euro area economic confidence slowed by more than expected, highlighting the divergent performance between the two regions. This comes despite the German data pointing to a faster slowdown in inflationary pressures.

Base metals gained ground today, supported by overall market confidence. Aluminium traded slightly higher at \$2,222/t, while copper shot back above \$8,600/t to close at \$8,662.50. Meanwhile, zinc is seen regaining some of the loss that we saw earlier this month, testing resistance at \$2,500/t; still, the momentum was not strong enough to breach the recent highs, and the metal closed at \$2,497.50/t. Lead remained broadly unchanged at \$2,158.50/t.

Oil futures remained broadly unchanged, and precious metals edged higher after yesterday's losses, with gold and silver now trading at \$1,961/oz and \$24.40/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2205	2227	2195	2222	2209	11396	676694	-37.00	100.99
Copper	8517	8677	8502	8662.5	8551	12930	277951	-38.50	393.27
Lead	2156	2167	2148	2158.5	2157	3934	119661	-4.00	97.95
Nickel	21750	22340	21625	22307	21755	2160	150293	-228.00	1011.29
Tin	28500	28995	28470	28740	28510	294	15605	68.00	1303.64
Zinc	2449	2507	2436	2497.5	2454	8113	198154	4.75	113.58
				Total:		38827	1438358		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2161.5	2203	2384	2500	2161.26	2205	2150.225	2195.725	
Copper	8592	8630	8708.25	8728.25	8528	8569	8435.75	8457.3	
Lead	2157	2157	2175.25	2190.25	2155.5	2158	2104.725	2103.5	
Nickel	21650	21925	23357	24257	21459	21689	20862	21106.75	
Tin	28755	28750			28813	28680	28744	28364.75	
Zinc	2485	2482	2518.5	2523.5	2456.5	2454	2388.925	2402.95	

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	511000	0	2000	-2000	509000	225100	283900	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	62250	2225	50	2175	64425	450	63975	JUL 23	386.35	-0.69
Lead	52975	0	200	-200	52775	3575	49200	SEP 23	387.55	-0.68
Nickel	37590	0	48	-48	37542	1770	35772	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	5130	85	0	85	5215	25	5190	23-Aug	68940	-0.46
Zinc	96075	3225	150	3075	99150	27725	71425	23-Sep	68850	-0.46

Global Markets

	% Change			% Change		% Change		Previous Day's Fix	
Last			Last		Last		AM	PM	
DAX	16470	0.39	GBP	1.2877	0.6330	Gold	1962.35	0.8402	1975.2
DJI	35520	0.67	JPY	140.8100	-0.9445	Silver	24.38	1.0317	1945.35
S&P500	4583	1.00	EUR	1.1032	0.4827	Gold Comex	2000.7	0.781	2501
SSE	3276	1.84	CNY	7.1470	0.2868	Platinum	940.85	0.3552	
Hg Seng	19917	1.41	AUD	0.6672	-0.5515	Palladium	1250.29	0.4895	
Brent	84	-0.42	CAD	1.3230	-0.0454				

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