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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks climbed today on the back of the biggest increase in consumer confidence since 2011. The Nasdaq has posted a 36% increase this quarter, breaking the record highs since the beginning of June. The rise of new coronavirus cases adds to the downside risks, and the Fed has begun its preparations for the second wave of infections, laying out the key features of the lending programme. The yield on 10Y Treasuries increased and the dollar declined. China passed the key national security legislation for Hong Kong, further damaging its reputation with the US and the UK.

LME metals were mixed today, and aluminium and copper were well supported. Aluminium prices tested key resistance at \$1,620/t but closed below at \$1,619.5/t. Copper prices were firmer today, closing at \$6,015/t. The cash to 3-month spread softened into -\$9.00/t. Lead prices declined the most today, closing below the key support level of \$1,780/t at \$1,774/t. Nickel prices struggled to gain footing on the upside, closing just above the support level of \$12,800/t at \$12,805/t. Tin was marginally weaker, closing at \$16,722/t.

Gold climbed above \$1,780/oz for the first time since December 2012, and silver gained 1.95% today. At the time of writing, gold and silver trade at \$1,783.68/oz and \$18.21/oz respectively. Oil futures declined as expectations of muted demand persisted today, driving WTI and Brent down to \$39.73/bl and \$41.22/bl respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	1613	1626	1607	1619.5	1613	15052	823929	-19.50	73.35
Copper	5980	6055	5971	6015	5969	20544	290991	-9.00	273.22
Lead	1796	1807	1771	1774	1798	4087	106597	-10.75	80.49
Nickel	12795	12880	12710	12805	12770	5603	201406	-50.00	580.83
Tin	16840	16945	16705	16722	16810	408	17038	97.00	757.73
Zinc	2064	2076	2044	2047.5	2055	7499	193516	-10.75	92.76
<b>Total:</b>						<b>53193</b>	<b>1633477</b>		

Official Prices					Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	1602	1621.5	1709.75	1802	1589.5	1609	1564.022727	1587.272727
Copper	6038	6043.5	6004.25	6045.25	5951.5	5961.5	5742.386364	5761.886364
Lead	1788.5	1801.5	1845	1879	1791.75	1801.5	1739.863636	1756.659091
Nickel	12790	12837	13113	13344	12758	12806	12703.27273	12764.13636
Tin	16847	16777			16869.5	16775	16806.27273	16626.27273
Zinc	2056.5	2067	2112	2140	2054.25	2061.5	2020.613636	2027.568182

LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1648000	0	5400	-5400	1642600	169825	1472775	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	219600	175	3175	-3000	216600	104950	111650	JUL 20	270.5	0.95
Lead	68200	0	775	-775	67425	21450	45975	SEP 20	271.75	0.93
Nickel	233658	240	0	240	233898	56118	177780	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3565	50	10	40	3605	535	3070	00-Jan	0	0.00
Zinc	122850	0	275	-275	122575	5050	117525	00-Jan	0	0.00

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	12311	0.64	GBP	1.2374	0.6180	Gold	1783.69	0.6131	1768.8	1771.60
DJI	25639	0.17	JPY	107.8000	-0.2041	Silver	18.21	1.9515		1790.50012
S&P500	3076	0.74	EUR	1.1247	0.0445	Gold Comex	1800.2	1.067		
SSE	2985	0.78	CNY	7.0640	0.2421	Platinum	827.82	1.5668		
Hg Seng	24427	0.52	AUD	0.6899	0.4806	Palladium	1929.95	1.5533		
Brent	41	-1.17	RUB	71.1571	-1.6060					

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