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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fluctuated today on the back of uncertainty surrounding the economic outlook. The US initial jobless claims remained unchanged at 884,000, whereas continuing claims rose to 13.4m in the week ending August 29. The dollar softened, and the yield on 10yr US Treasury strengthened into 0.7115. Meanwhile, coronavirus-related cases surged in Europe, surpassing the US in daily new infections. In today's ECB meeting, the bond-buying stimulus is expected to be raised later this year.

The sentiment on the LME was weaker today, except for aluminium which recovered from last day's losses to close at \$1,789.50/t. Copper swung between gains and losses, edging up to the resistance level at \$6,760/t in the second half of the day before closing near the day's lows at \$6,668.50/t. Copper cash to 3m spread tightened marginally to \$25.50/t. Nickel was particularly weak as protracted selling pressure triggered a close at \$14,832/t. Zinc and lead prices traded lower and closed below the key resistance level of \$2,420/t and \$1,900/t at \$2,416.50/t and \$1,882.50/t respectively. Tin was range-bound, closing at \$18,000/t.

Oil futures pared losses today on the back of weaker equity markets. At the time of writing, WTI and Brent trade at \$37.89/bl and \$40.56/bl. Gold and silver were higher today amid market uncertainty, edging up to \$1,959.50/oz and \$27.07/oz respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	1784	1794	1767	1789.5	1784	11231	776472	-37.40	81.10
Copper	6767	6774	6609	6668.5	6759	15516	323828	21.50	301.39
Lead	1896	1901	1867	1882.5	1895	3821	111488	-27.86	85.37
Nickel	14910	14980	14735	14832	14905	4950	222635	-47.50	671.10
Tin	17970	18040	17850	18000	18060	273	18317	-2.00	814.43
Zinc	2426	2427	2383	2416.5	2427	7771	225505	-25.00	109.04
				Total:		43562	1678245		

	Official Prices				Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	1743.5	1781	1868.3	1935.5	1745.5	1784	1755.88	1793.25
Copper	6710.5	6684.5	6651.25	6631.25	6758.5	6734	6722.00	6700.69
Lead	1859	1882.5	1920.5	1952.5	1865.75	1894.5	1927.56	1953.31
Nickel	14748	14796	15017	15230	14881	14921	15188.38	15226.00
Tin	18031	18025			18015	18015	18178.88	18170.13
Zinc	2383	2409.5	2454	2484	2396.45	2423	2461.88	2489.31

	LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1526575	0	2500	-2500	1524075	221075	1303000	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	73425	4950	2400	2550	75975	26075	49900	SEP 20	300.85 -1.04	
Lead	123225	9025	500	8525	131750	16900	114850	DEC 20	300 -1.69	
Nickel	236478	810	126	684	237162	58080	179082	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	5485	55	0	55	5540	200	5340	00-Jan	0 0.00	
Zinc	219775	0	50	-50	219725	3700	216025	00-Jan	0 0.00	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	13209 -0.21	GBP	1.28 -1.42	Gold	1956.84 0.51	1928.4	1947.20
DJI	27838 -0.37	JPY	106.18 0.00	Silver	27.05 0.26		2653.5
S&P500	3397 -0.05	EUR	1.19 0.57	Gold Comex	1966.5 0.59		
SSE	3235 -0.61	CNY	6.83 -0.01	Platinum	937.66 1.74		
Hg Seng	24314 -0.64	AUD	0.73 -0.04	Palladium	2312.32 0.41		
Brent	40 -0.88	RUB	75.11 0.29				

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