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Daily Base Metals Report

Stocks fell, and the dollar improved after a wave of rate hikes from central banks last week; the sentiment carried over into the start of this week, with US shares down on the day despite opening slightly higher. With most of the central banks' decisions completed for this year, the investors might be looking past the fears of recession and benefit from signs of easing inflationary concerns. Still, this week is set to be quieter overall as the markets head into the holiday period. Elsewhere, the dollar declined today into 104.51 as markets weighed on the central bank prospects following the hikes. The euro was at 1.0620. Meanwhile, the German business outlook improved for the third straight month amid signs of peaking inflation, which boosted market confidence.

Likewise, the metals market benefited earlier today from a vow from China's top officials to boost the economy next year through the support of the private sector and overall consumption. This helped lift the sentiment in the copper market, which remained supported above \$8,300/t to settle marginally higher on the day at \$8,320/t. The cash to 3-month spread strengthened into -\$26.50/t. Likewise, lead improved, with a stronger upside seen in the latter half of the day to \$2,160/t. Other metals struggle to help the sentiment, as the outlook given the covid woes outweighed the policy statement and were seen slightly lower on the day. Aluminium fell below the support of \$2,370/t to close at \$2,361/t; cash to 3-month tested the -\$40/t level once again. Zinc also closed lower at \$3,012/t.

Oil futures benefitted today from the news of a pledge from the US to refill strategic crude reserves; WTI and Brent now trade at \$75/bl and \$80/bl. Gold and silver wavered but edged lower in the latter part of the day to \$1.788/oz and \$23.00/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2394	2403	2359	2361	2379	11366	586003	-38.97	107.41
Copper	8330	8406	8294	8320	8303	10411	249818	-26.50	377.21
Lead	2154	2187	2147	2160	2146	3610	104575	13.00	97.89
Nickel	28265	28400	27160	27215	28265	1476	140212	-151.00	1233.78
Tin	23610	24000	23145	23307	23600	442	14558	-18.82	1072.76
Zinc	3025	3068	2987	3012	3050	6888	202227	40.00	136.69
Total:						34193	1297393		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2327	2364	2462	2567	2337.1	2375	2417.846154	2452.923077	
Copper	8331	8366	8267.25	8243.25	8234	8266.5	8371.423077	8407.769231	
Lead	2179	2168.5	2169.25	2175.25	2155.25	2151.5	2180.653846	2191.807692	
Nickel	27525	27775	29023	30053	28132.75	28273	28563.07692	28781.15385	
Tin	23300	23335			23560	23535	24033.07692	23940.38462	
Zinc	3060	3027	2941.25	2805.25	3048.5	3018	3179.346154	3157	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	477650	7200	5325	1875	479525	215875	263650	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	84100	425	950	-525	83575	18650	64925	DEC 22	376.15 -0.04	
Lead	24350	0	0	0	24350	425	23925	MAR 23	376.15 -0.04	
Nickel	53862	612	114	498	54360	4830	49530	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3005	0	10	-10	2995	275	2720	22-Nov	65310 -0.23	
Zinc	36575	0	0	0	36575	21400	15175	22-Dec	65330 -0.24	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	13943	0.36	GBP	1.2184	0.2963	Gold	1788.28	-0.2677	1780.15
DJI	32838	-0.25	JPY	136.8700	-0.1973	Silver	23.01	-0.921	2283
S&P500	3825	-0.71	EUR	1.0624	0.3590	Gold Comex	1797.7	-0.139	
SSE	3107	-1.92	CNY	6.9797	-0.0817	Platinum	989.1	-0.546	
Hq Seng	19353	-0.50	AUD	0.6711	0.3889	Palladium	1679.06	-2.4228	
Brent	80	1.37	RUB	118.6895	1.4433				

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