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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened this week on the front foot, following the relief over the banking sector news over the weekend. Banking sector jitters should calm this week, even though investors remain cautious of other banks' weaknesses, hyper-analysing each statement and move. Still, the over-the-weekend geopolitical uncertainty should keep the risks slightly elevated this week. Recession risks are climbing, and the markets have now completely priced out any hikes from the Fed and brought forward the cuts with a 33bps from now until July. Any signs of weakness on the macro front could exacerbate the downside sentiment this week. With big central bank meetings out of the way, the market will pay attention to macro moves, such as the PCE measure, to help drive sentiment. The dollar edged lower while the 10yr US Treasury yield is testing 3.50% once again.

Base metals traded higher today on the back of improving risk-on sentiment. Nickel overnight trading reopened over the weekend, triggering some losses for prices on the open, but these quickly recovered, and the metal closed at \$23,843/t. This move should bring back liquidity and reduce both realised and implied volatility. With a calmer macro picture, this week will likely be driven by micro again. Confidence out of China remains muted, given the slow recovery from lockdown restrictions. Copper remained broadly unchanged at \$8,964/t. Lead and zinc closed marginally higher at \$2,133/t and \$2,912/t, respectively.

Oil futures edged higher, with WTI and Brent strengthening into \$70/bl and \$76/bl. Both gold and silver slipped today as investors moved away from safe havens back into riskier assets; the metals now trade at \$1,957/oz and \$23.00/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2341	2372	2323	2363.5	2344	12621	620114	-43.00	107.23
Copper	8964	8988	8844	8964	8945	11148	249049	-10.00	405.77
Lead	2125	2137	2108	2133	2121	2294	103335	21.25	96.71
Nickel	23700	24200	22690	23843	23680	3105	135740	-200.00	1078.20
Tin	24900	25500	24565	25421	24885	425	13523	146.00	1154.63
Zinc	2895	2920	2861	2912	2894	5927	186326	31.99	132.18
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>35520</b>	<b>1308087</b>		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2298	2340.5	2537.25	2641.25	2296.81	2337	2279.526316	2326.710526	
Copper	8876	8894.5	8882	8838	8911.75	8921.5	8803.263158	8815.526316	
Lead	2125	2113	2178.25	2198	2149.5	2125.5	2104.368421	2101.289474	
Nickel	23875	24090	25029.5	26029.5	23268	23468	23262.10526	23512.36842	
Tin	25625	25475			24945	24830	23589.73684	23701.57895	
Zinc	2914	2881	2792.95	2635.95	2923.25	2891.5	2954.5	2933.447368	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	532725	0	4850	-4850	527875	104175	423700	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	72675	1500	3575	-2075	70600	28725	41875	MAR 23	410.15 -1.07	
Lead	25700	0	25	-25	25675	4475	21200	MAY 23	407.5 -1.18	
Nickel	44454	0	150	-150	44304	5802	38502	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2410	75	5	70	2480	880	1600	23-Apr	69310 0.13	
Zinc	39650	0	0	0	39650	2450	37200	23-May	69170 0.07	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15128	1.14	GBP	1.2279	0.3760	Gold	1957.11	-1.0666	1996.15
DJI	32400	0.50	JPY	131.5000	-0.5856	Silver	22.99	-1.0018	2317
S&P500	3979	0.19	EUR	1.0790	0.2788	Gold Comex	1975.9	-1.289	
SSE	3251	-0.44	CNY	6.8818	-0.2107	Platinum	980.08	-0.4287	
Hg Seng	19568	-1.75	AUD	0.6642	-0.0451	Palladium	1418.47	-0.2482	
Brent	77	2.49	RUB	118.6895	#N/A				

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