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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fell amid mixed corporate earnings results; the Fed's future path remains at the forefront of market focus. Given the start of the earnings season, we expect the upcoming results to guide market sentiment in the coming weeks ahead of the central bank meeting in May. US business activity climbed to a near one-year high, adding risks to inflation stickiness, especially in the service sector. Fed Bank of Philadelphia President Harker stated that the Fed is getting near the end of its tightening cycle to calm prices. Meanwhile, Cleveland President Mester noted she favoured getting rates above 5% because inflation was still too high. The dollar fluctuated but struggled to break the 102 level, and the 10yr US Treasury yield remained unchanged. Elsewhere, Japan's inflation continued to outpace expectations, growing at 3.1% y/y, adding pressure to the next BOJ meeting.

Base metals saw another day of moderate declines across the board, as a lack of optimism from the macroeconomic and fundamental viewpoints pushed the metals back to long-term support levels. Aluminium fell below \$2,400/t, closing at \$2,397.50/t. Copper continued to fall below the \$9,000/t mark, testing the 100-day MA at \$8,797/t. Zinc pared the third consecutive day of declines, testing the October lows and closing at \$2,719/t. Lead, on the other hand, struggled to break below the support level of \$2,140/t once again, closing at \$2,161/t. Iron ore futures sold off, falling by more than 4.0% on the day, testing the December lows of \$108/mt, as lacklustre demand from China is seen coupled with the peak building season, putting pressure on the prices in the near term. The next day's prices opened lower, breaking below the \$106/mt level.

Oil futures remained supported at current levels. Gold and silver declined once again to \$19,75/oz and \$24.97/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2423	2426	2381	2397.5	2423	14162	600492	-11.00	108.75
Copper	8860	8880	8770	8775.5	8884	20323	249967	-16.00	398.05
Lead	2154	2172	2139	2154	2155	4411	102759	35.25	97.70
Nickel	25125	25190	24280	24435	25090	2585	130296	-82.50	1108.36
Tin	26550	26790	25825	26400	26810	408	13896	185.00	1197.50
Zinc	2766	2779	2713	2720.5	2770	9018	172352	-14.25	123.40
Total:						50907	1269762		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2388.5	2400	2564.5	2654.5	2408.5	2421	2345.153846	2377.576923
Copper	8816	8826	8757	8704	8865.25	8881	8904.076923	8908.230769
Lead	2204	2165	2200	2219.75	2184	2153	2150.115385	2129.961538
Nickel	24335	24495	25717	26617	24923	25061	23734.61538	23982.30769
Tin	27000	26750			27120	26940	25755.38462	25622.69231
Zinc	2739	2744.5	2706.25	2635	2757.5	2770	2824.461538	2812.538462

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	572275	1775	2650	-875	571400	66625	504775	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	51850	2200	2175	25	51875	3800	48075	MAY 23	402.55 -1.26
Lead	32250	0	50	-50	32200	3825	28375	JUL 23	403.25 -1.19
Nickel	41538	0	414	-414	41124	4146	36978	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	1555	0	20	-20	1535	165	1370	23-Apr	0 0.00
Zinc	53500	0	0	0	53500	2175	51325	23-May	68910 -0.82

Global Markets			Currencies			Precious Metals	Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15882	0.54	GBP	1.2425	-0.1447	Gold	1977.02	-1.3857	1994.05
DJI	33741	-0.14	JPY	134.1400	0.0745	Silver	24.95	-1.3432	2540
S&P500	4127	-0.06	EUR	1.0976	0.0547	Gold Comex	1987.6	-1.560	
SSE	3301	-1.95	CNY	6.8915	-0.2510	Platinum	1122.3	2.3287	
Hg Seng	20076	-1.57	AUD	0.6684	-0.8750	Palladium	1596.93	0.1826	
Brent	81	0.39	CAD	1.3548	-0.5241				

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