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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks edged higher after the big tech earnings helped support the sentiment after the First Republic Bank extended the slide. Markets continue to pay attention to corporate earnings to help drive the outlook ahead of the PCE reading tomorrow, with the Fed still set on the 2.0% target over the longer term. Meanwhile, the former Treasury Secretary Summers stated that taming inflation to that level would likely lead to a meaningful economic downturn. The dollar edged lower, maintaining the 101-102 range seen in the last couple of days, and the 10yr US Treasury yield held firm at 3.40%. Elsewhere, disappointing earnings from Europe drove local stocks lower. EU GDP is expected to have come in slightly stronger than in Q4'22, putting the bloc on a path of avoiding technical recession. The German government has once again raised its economic GDP forecast for 2023, at 0.4%; whilst twice as much as initially expected, still putting the economy on the back foot going into the new year.

Sentiment improved marginally today as metals tested the longer-term support levels and rejected them. Despite high-frequency indicators pointing to a continued marginal recovery of the Chinese economy, the scale of the expansion does not seem enough to drive market sentiment, and we anticipate the focus to shift back to China micro after the central bank meetings in the first week of May. Iron ore futures bounced higher after testing the support level of \$100/mt before settling higher at \$105.18/mt. Aluminium kept testing the support level of \$2,330/t before settling slightly lower at \$2,327/t. Copper remained supported above \$8,550/t. Lead and zinc closed at \$2,105/t and \$2,645/t, respectively. With the upcoming Labour Day national holiday, we expect to see some restocking take place from Chinese downstream buyers – a traditional move in anticipation of higher demand following the holiday.

WTI and Brent remained broadly unchanged. Gold and silver held their ground at \$1,995/oz and \$25.00/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2332	2360	2322	2327	2332	17112	616567	-13.75	105.55
Copper	8533	8632	8522	8552.5	8529	22582	255970	-17.25	387.94
Lead	2116	2120	2094	2105	2118	5121	103847	16.75	95.48
Nickel	23100	23760	23100	23646	23195	2525	133076	-12.00	1072.58
Tin	25405	26145	25250	25754	25410	494	13794	117.00	1168.19
Zinc	2604	2658	2604	2645	2601	9197	182605	-0.75	119.98
<b>Total:</b>						<b>57031</b>	<b>1305859</b>		

#### Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg
							Cash 3M
Aluminium	2339.5	2356	2503.95	2596.95	2323.49	2335.5	2343.375 2373.09375
Copper	8579	8585.5	8544.25	8504.25	8506	8528	8850.96875 8857.65625
Lead	2123	2105.5	2141.75	2161.5	2130.76	2106.5	2150.03125 2128.90625
Nickel	23650	23675	24808	25713	23266.99	23341	23762.1875 23980.9375
Tin	25610	25600			25717	25584	25853.125 25718.4375
Zinc	2614.5	2614	2627.75	2556.5	2592.75	2600	2788.78125 2780.375

#### LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	569600	3700	1500	2200	571800	73100	498700	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	60775	2750	1700	1050	61825	2050	59775	MAY 23	384.8	-2.68
Lead	32000	0	0	0	32000	3625	28375	JUL 23	386.5	-2.51
Nickel	40908	0	72	-72	40836	3930	36906	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1535	0	25	-25	1510	190	1320	23-May	67280	-1.48
Zinc	53350	0	0	0	53350	3650	49700	23-Jun	67100	-1.57

#### Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15796	-0.48	GBP	1.2469	0.4835	Gold	1989.15	-0.4125	1990.2 1987.40
DJI	33302	-0.68	JPY	133.6800	0.0598	Silver	24.87	-0.5593	2489.5
S&P500	4056	-0.38	EUR	1.1040	0.6106	Gold Comex	1999	-0.274	
SSE	3264	-0.02	CNY	6.9280	0.0664	Platinum	1091.43	-0.0778	
Hg Seng	19757	0.71	AUD	0.6604	-0.3320	Palladium	1509.87	0.8644	
Brent	78	-3.75	CAD	1.3639	-0.0880				

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