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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks rebounded later on in the day after House Speaker McCarthy reassured the market that the debt limit talks are being concluded next week. At the same time, after the Fed Bank of Dallas' President Logan stated that the case of next month's pause is not yet clear, the forward swaps probability of a hike increased to about 40%. US existing home sales plunged to a 3-month low in April as continued tightness in the inventory exacerbated affordability concerns. The dollar jumped above 103, and the 10yr US Treasury yield jumped 3.6%. Elsewhere, the ECB stated that the housing environment in the euro area is expected to be weighed down by tighter monetary policy despite resilience.

Yesterday's gains failed to last, and metals fell to test recent support levels that are now holding firm. Copper weakened back to the \$8,150/t level, but this support held firm, and the metal closed at \$8,172.50/t. According to WBMS, global cathode output stood at 2.1m mt in March, with consumption at 2.17m mt; production of ore stood at 1.76m mt. Aluminium also struggled to hold above the \$2,300/t level, falling to \$2,283.50/t. Lead closed unchanged at \$2,055.50/t. Zinc saw protracted losses below \$2,50/t to \$2,456/t.

Oil futures weakened slightly, with WTI and Brent edging down to \$71/bl and \$75/bl. Gold and silver weakened to \$1,956/oz and \$23.47/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2301	2309	2265	2283.5	2300	15832	631496	9.00	103.60
Copper	8287	8321	8144	8172.5	8308	14620	255531	-42.50	370.54
Lead	2059	2063	2039	2055.5	2050	4243	113145	5.75	93.30
Nickel	21340	21410	20895	20934	21500	2372	135970	-119.00	949.61
Tin	24890	25270	24830	25014	25000	301	14139	233.00	1134.90
Zinc	2522	2538	2454	2459	2524	8135	181319	-9.00	111.40
Total:						45503	1331600		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2312	2304	2460	2558	2308.55	2296.5	2282.583333	2289	
Copper	8171.5	8217	8357.5	8367.5	8262.75	8302	8362.958333	8395.416667	
Lead	2049.5	2054	2095	2120	2051.2	2055.5	2102.083333	2108.208333	
Nickel	21275	21350	22501	23401	21215	21334	22994.16667	23051.66667	
Tin	25405	25250			25077	24802	25986.66667	25702.91667	
Zinc	2482	2491	2484	2459	2518.75	2524	2572.166667	2583.666667	

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	559000	0	2450	-2450	556550	181275	375275	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	86625	3900	0	3900	90525	225	90300	MAY 23	374.3	2.42
Lead	33600	325	0	325	33925	2825	31100	JUL 23	375.45	2.39
Nickel	39198	0	24	-24	39174	2472	36702	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1710	0	0	0	1710	85	1625	23-Jun	65600	1.96
Zinc	47250	300	25	275	47525	4200	43325	23-Jul	65470	1.96

Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	16169	1.37	GBP	1.2421	Gold	1954.59	1985.75	1974.40	
DJI	33403	-0.05	JPY	138.5400	Silver	23.40		2368.5	
S&P500	4178	0.47	EUR	1.0775	Gold Comex	1975.6			
SSE	3297	0.40	CNY	7.0398	Platinum	1062.98			
Hg Seng	19727	0.85	AUD	0.6616	Palladium	1469.2			
Brent	76	-1.23	CAD	1.3503					

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