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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks wavered today, despite the news that the debt-limit deal passed the House, as an AI-driven rally cooled slightly, weighing on sentiment. From the macroeconomic perspective, the labour data showed some signs of easing; however, from the historical perspective, it still remains tight. US initial jobless claims gained ground to 232,000 in the week ending May 27th but still remained below market expectations. ADP employment change remained firm at 278,000 in May. Tomorrow's nonfarm payrolls should provide further insight into where the labour market is heading. The dollar weakened, and the 10yr US Treasury yield held at 3.60%. The Fed officials are signalling that they are planning to keep the rates unchanged during the next meeting this month, helping to guide market expectations in the weeks ahead of the meeting.

A marginal upside was seen across base metals today, as yesterday's weakness stalled, and metals found new support levels. China's manufacturing data provided contradicting signals of factory activity last month; Caixin jumped higher back above 50, suggesting improving conditions, while S&P Global data pointed to a continued weakness in the sector. This creates an unclear outlook in regard to the nation's recovery from the lockdown restrictions earlier this year and suggests that more time is needed to assess the growth outlook. Aluminium continued to gain ground, edging above \$2,250/t to close at \$2,282.50/t. Support at \$8,100/t held firm for copper, and the metal strengthened to close \$8,243.50/t. Lead was the only metal lower on the day, falling to test the support at \$2,000/t, the low not seen since November; the metal closed at \$1,999/t.

Oil futures saw sharp recoveries in the latter half of the day, back to \$70/bl and \$74/bl. Likewise, precious metals, including gold and silver, rebounded to \$1,980/oz and \$23.80/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2244	2293	2234	2282.5	2247	19761	623746	31.75	103.53
Copper	8130	8265	8087	8243.5	8110	20252	252355	-3.50	373.92
Lead	2015	2037	1976	1999	2011	9760	116268	-3.50	90.67
Nickel	20455	21400	20445	21318	20625	3742	140563	-133.00	966.98
Tin	25225	25675	25225	25437	25365	379	15021	235.00	1153.81
Zinc	2253	2305	2245	2267	2252	10779	196123	-16.75	102.83
Total:						64673	1344076		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2281	2253	2430.5	2531.5	2286.5	2246	2281	2253
Copper	8210.5	8227	8289.5	8294.5	8070	8089	8210.5	8227
Lead	1989	1991	2038.25	2064.5	2011.53	2012.5	1989	1991
Nickel	20850	20950	22518	23468	20433	20588	20850	20950
Tin	25575	25400			25700.91	25454	25575	25400
Zinc	2271	2286.5	2299.75	2304.75	2229.75	2248.5	2271	2286.5

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	579525	0	700	-700	578825	192750	386075	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	99150	1350	975	375	99525	9450	90075	JUL 23	363.7 -0.71	
Lead	36175	275	0	275	36450	2875	33575	SEP 23	365.35 -0.69	
Nickel	37782	0	96	-96	37686	2172	35514	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1895	75	0	75	1970	120	1850	23-Jun	65570 0.88	
Zinc	87500	0	50	-50	87450	8800	78650	23-Jul	65270 0.71	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15854	1.21	GBP	1.2531	0.7234	Gold	1977.80	0.7678	1959
DJI	33121	0.65	JPY	138.8300	0.3674	Silver	23.87	1.6555	2325.5
S&P500	4220	0.95	EUR	1.0758	0.6455	Gold Comex	1995.3	0.666	
SSE	3205	0.00	CNY	7.0961	0.1747	Platinum	1010.38	1.1979	
Hg Seng	18217	-0.10	AUD	0.6578	1.1533	Palladium	1398.6	2.2107	
Brent	75	3.21	CAD	1.3444	0.9670				

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