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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks wavered today as the recent upside momentum cooled; on a YTD basis, the S&P 500 is still posting 13% gains. US Treasury yields jumped higher after another key central bank, the BOC, increased the rates by 25bps, pushing the bets for a hike in July from the Fed. The forward swaps briefly priced in full 25bps before easing back to 21bps. The dollar weakened below 104. From the macroeconomic perspective, the US trade gap widened in April, jumping to the largest level in six months after export growth cooled.

Another mixed day across the base metals complex, with zinc seeing strong gains on the upside, recovering the recent losses and pushing to a close of \$2,398.50/t. We have seen increased activity from physical trades, supported by a weaker renminbi, which continues to hold above 7.10. Stronger demand for the dollar in the banking sector helped push the local currency to a six-month low, and as a result, we have seen the big state lenders effectively cut dollar deposit rates to help cushion the losses. To guide the fundamental trend for the complex, markets continue to watch out for further stimulus measures from policymakers, but we do not expect these to take full effect until the latter half of the year. Aluminium remained supported above \$2,210/t, while copper fluctuated around \$8,350/t. Lead closed at \$2,044.50/t.

Oil futures gained ground on a weaker dollar, with WTI and Brent trading at \$73/bl and \$77/bl at the time of writing. Gold and silver were volatile but remained broadly unchanged by the end of the day at \$1,950/oz and \$23.60/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2208	2233	2208	2219	2206	14999	643789	-46.00	100.74
Copper	8332	8418	8276	8293.5	8325	20326	252191	-6.50	376.17
Lead	2039	2048	2029	2044.5	2043	3205	116618	5.25	92.49
Nickel	21080	21490	20830	21417	20955	2598	142956	-122.00	970.47
Tin	25525	25835	25525	25650	25700	308	15100	442.00	1162.12
Zinc	2333	2408	2324	2398.5	2343	12457	196859	0.60	108.21
Total:						53893	1367513		

Official Prices	Monthly Avg							
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2169	2215	2373.5	2483.5	2165.43	2210	2220.3	2246.3
Copper	8352	8354	8414	8346.01	8334	8339	8295.1	8302.2
Lead	2057	2039	2075.25	2103.75	2034.5	2026	2026.2	2018.7
Nickel	21005	21150	22110	23043	20846	20968	21001	21113
Tin	26050	25600			26063	25618	26034	25665
Zinc	2382	2380.5	2410.35	2420.35	2322.5	2319	2303.2	2313.2

LME Stocks (tonnes)	Other Copper Markets									
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	589475	0	25	-25	589450	267225	322225	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	99825	775	500	275	100100	56350	43750	JUL 23	376.85	0.01
Lead	37150	0	0	0	37150	2875	34275	SEP 23	378.1	-0.01
Nickel	37530	0	144	-144	37386	2640	34746	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1950	85	75	10	1960	60	1900	23-Jun	66920	0.27
Zinc	87275	0	650	-650	86625	12750	73875	23-Jul	66690	0.29

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change		AM	PM	
DAX	15961	-0.20	GBP	1.2448	0.1932	Gold	1947.42	-0.82	1961.9	1957.25
DJI	33588	0.04	JPY	139.9800	-0.2500	Silver	23.49	-0.3127		2364.5
S&P500	4277	-0.16	EUR	1.0701	0.0748	Gold Comex	1962.9	-0.939		
SSE	3198	0.08	CNY	7.1293	-0.1641	Platinum	1023.65	-1.3321		
Hg Seng	19252	0.80	AUD	0.6660	-0.1649	Palladium	1400	-1.002		
Brent	78	1.73	CAD	1.3365	0.2843					

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