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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks followed European shares higher after softer CPI reading from the UK boosted market sentiment. UK pricing pressures cooled by more than expected in June, growing by 7.9% y/y after energy prices continued to ease. That caused the market to reprice its bets towards the BOE hiking cycle, with 88bps seen until the end of the year vs 110bps seen earlier this week. The pound fell below 1.30, while the dollar edged back above 100. This news has offset some of the pessimism seen in the real estate sector. At the same time, the euro area core inflation reading accelerated more than anticipated, growing at 5.5%, highlighting the core prices might continue to follow a different trajectory in comparison to the headline reading, remaining upwardly sticky. In particular, the market is watching out for the labour market to give up some of its strength to ease some of the pressures on wage growth.

Another day of marginal declines was seen across the base metals complex today. Aluminium continues to rapidly give up last week's gains, falling back below the \$2,200/t level to \$2,189.50/t. Likewise, copper tested the \$8,419/t support today, but markets rejected prices below this level, and the metal closed at \$8,429/t. Nickel remained broadly unchanged at \$20,907/t. Lead and zinc softened into the longer-term support levels to close at \$2,085.50/t and \$2,359.50/t, respectively.

Oil futures edged higher to \$76/bl and \$80/bl for WTI and Brent, respectively. Gold and silver remained elevated at \$1,974/o and \$25.15/oz.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2206	2214	2180	2190.5	2206	17042	684448	-47.50	99.36
Copper	8480	8485	8361	8429	8462	16332	267412	-27.21	382.34
Lead	2098	2101	2079	2085.5	2095	3483	113280	-11.00	94.60
Nickel	21100	21290	20805	20907	21190	2004	141693	-246.00	948.34
Tin	28695	28715	27900	28114	28700	329	15270	290.00	1275.24
Zinc	2391	2394	2342	2359.5	2392	9552	191409	-15.00	107.03
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>48742</b>	<b>1413512</b>		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2142	2186.5	2358	2480	2155.74	2203.5	2140.923077	2187.653846	
Copper	8354	8384	8466.25	8483.25	8444.99	8473	8386.038462	8400.461538	
Lead	2082	2094	2110.25	2132	2081.25	2096	2086.307692	2081.307692	
Nickel	20700	20910	21922	22832	20840	21084	20669.23077	20897.30769	
Tin	28350	28175			28804	28540	28661.53846	28148.84615	
Zinc	2350	2367.5	2388	2396	2377.25	2395	2367.730769	2383.153846	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	517400	0	3100	-3100	514300	237875	276425	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	59200	4000	3875	125	59325	4650	54675	JUL 23	381.6 -0.42	
Lead	49025	1325	0	1325	50350	2150	48200	SEP 23	382.95 -0.38	
Nickel	36924	684	48	636	37560	1428	36132	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4610	0	0	0	4610	#N/A N/A	#VALUE!	23-Jul	0 0.00	
Zinc	80375	11050	600	10450	90825	8425	82400	23-Aug	68470 0.06	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	16109 -0.10	GBP	1.2908 -0.9819	Gold	1977.70 -0.0515	1961.95	1975.00
DJI	35063 0.32	JPY	139.5900 -0.5445	Silver	25.16 0.4139		2488.5
S&P500	4563 0.18	EUR	1.1191 -0.3384	Gold Comex	2019.9 0.015		
SSE	3199 0.03	CNY	7.2257 -0.5439	Platinum	977.59 -0.8931		
Hg Seng	18952 -0.33	AUD	0.6767 -0.6460	Palladium	1309.21 -0.7904		
Brent	80 0.25	CAD	1.3176 -0.0531				

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