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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks remained broadly unchanged on Friday after tech shares' gains cooled. The dollar continues to pare gains, and the 10yr US Treasury yield rose back up to 3.82%. Next week is filled with key central bank meetings, and while the market is pricing in further tightness from the BOE and the ECB, the outlook for the Fed remains uncertain into the year-end. Meanwhile, the yen tumbled to 141.72 against the dollar after the inflation core reading advanced in June, growing by 3.3%, matching consensus. Traders now believe there is a smaller chance of a hawkish move from the BOJ and the possibility of the yield curve control measures.

Base metals continued to shed last week's gains into Friday after a stronger dollar brought the complex back to robust support levels. Aluminium remained above \$2,200/t while copper retested the resistance of \$8,500/t, struggling above it to close at \$8,4452/t. Meanwhile, lead jumped higher, closing at mid-June highs of \$2,139.50/t. Zinc weakened to \$2,372/t. As a result, zinc to lead spread has fallen to June 2020 lows of \$235.50/t, further highlighting the pressure on construction-heavy materials. Tin closed at \$28,494/t.

Oil headed for a fourth weekly gain amid signs that global markets are tightening; WTI and Brent are now trading at \$76/bl and \$80/bl. Gold slipped today but still closed the week slightly higher at \$1,961/oz.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2194	2216	2191	2204.5	2193	10736	683580	-40.00	100.06
Copper	8458	8554	8420	8452	8458	13744	271204	-29.50	382.93
Lead	2107	2143	2107	2139.5	2117	5960	113886	-1.75	96.82
Nickel	21210	21450	20700	20769	21320	2728	146238	-230.50	943.03
Tin	28600	28785	28400	28494	28700	283	15457	231.00	1292.75
Zinc	2380	2410	2364	2372	2376	5770	195744	-16.00	107.68
					Total:	39221	1426109		

Official Prices	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg
							Cash 3M
Aluminium	2153.5	2197.5	2367.5	2486.5	2156.11	2201	2143.833333
Copper	8422	8449	8496.75	8518.75	8460.75	8485.5	8398.9
Lead	2130	2136	2155.5	2177.25	2100.5	2107	2088.933333
Nickel	20810	21150	21822	22732	21049	21280	20711
Tin	28900	28675			28961	28715	28716.66667
Zinc	2358	2380	2400	2405	2369.75	2383.5	2369.366667

LME Stocks (tonnes)	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets
								Last % Change
Aluminium	513100	3150	2850	300	513400	236925	276475	Comex, USc/lb
Copper	58800	1875	775	1100	59900	3150	56750	JUL 23 381.6 -0.42
Lead	50400	950	0	950	51350	2150	49200	SEP 23 382.95 -0.38
Nickel	37518	0	0	0	37518	1380	36138	Shanghai, CNY/mt
Tin	4710	45	0	45	4755	20	4735	23-Jul 0 0.00
Zinc	90750	0	25	-25	90725	9350	81375	23-Aug 68470 0.06

Global Markets	% Change	Currencies	% Change	Precious Metals	% Change	Previous Day's Fix
Last		Last		Last		AM PM
DAX	16177 -0.17	GBP	1.2854 -0.1088	Gold	1961.98 -0.3833	1981.5 1976.10
DJI	35282 0.16	JPY	141.6800 -1.1364	Silver	24.67 -0.3849	2517.5
S&P500	4548 0.28	EUR	1.1119 -0.0988	Gold Comex	2002.8 -0.348	
SSE	3168 -0.06	CNY	7.1880 -0.1169	Platinum	966.9 0.7229	
Hg Seng	19075 0.78	AUD	0.6734 -0.6638	Palladium	1293.53 1.0136	
Brent	81 1.10	CAD	1.3216 -0.3329			

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