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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks softened today, driven in large by the big tech. Apple shares sank on concerns that China can expand the iPhone ban. Further weakness was brought on by softer labour market data, reinforcing the belief of the higher for longer interest rate narrative. US initial jobless claims came in at 216,000 in the week ending September 2nd, marking February lows. This is once again highlighting that the market is slowing marginally however, remaining robust given the historical averages. Elsewhere, GDP data out of the euro area pointed to a lower revision for Q2 performance, growing at 0.1% vs. 0.3% that was estimated in July; lower-than-expected exports were the main factor behind the downward revision. Furthermore, German industrial output fell by 0.8% m/m in July, adding to recessionary worries that are looming over the bloc's most industrial economy. The dollar retested the 105 level, and the 10-year US Treasury yield held firm at 4.27%.

Mixed performance was seen across the base metals market today, and a stronger dollar and respective weakness in the yuan struggled to sway prices in either direction. Other data pointed to exports out of China falling by 8.8% y/y, vs. -14.5% seen in July. A similar trend was seen in the nation's imports. While it is too early to tell whether trade activity is rebounding, the signs of an easing slump are a welcome relief to China's economic performance. Aluminium decline is seen stalling, with another day of little momentum, as the metal remained just below the \$2,200/t level, closing at \$2,196/t. Copper, on the other hand, weakened for the second consecutive day down to the support of \$8,300/t before settling slightly higher at \$8,321/t. Lead and zinc held on to their gains, closing at \$2,229.50/t and \$2,479.50/t, respectively.

Oil futures remained unchanged, while gold and silver performance diverged slightly to \$1,920/oz and \$22.98/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2193	2199	2177	2196	2193	15123	659873	-44.50	99.47
Copper	8351	8382	8265	8321	8362	23200	284484	-17.75	377.71
Lead	2226	2244	2213	2229.5	2229	7265	137777	58.50	101.31
Nickel	20540	20610	20160	20482	20535	3480	157192	-220.00	930.78
Tin	26165	26375	25749	26085	26175	273	15635	-239.01	1184.34
Zinc	2466	2490	2449	2479.5	2476	6694	201384	-20.45	112.95
Total:						56035	1456345		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg
							Cash 3M
Aluminium	2135	2180	2342.25	2463.25	2147.75	2193.5	2152.6 2201.1
Copper	8242.5	8270	8453.25	8503.25	8358.75	8371.5	8397.7 8414.6
Lead	2287	2232.5	2229.5	2247.25	2278.5	2225.5	2281.1 2233.9
Nickel	20130	20310	21718	22799	20373	20593	20501 20693
Tin	25725	25775			26029	26270	25877 26029
Zinc	2428.5	2450	2510.75	2525.75	2443	2463	2446.4 2468.8

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	502400	2800	3725	-925	501475	269075	232400	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	110400	23475	25	23450	133850	200	133650	SEP 23	374.85	-1.64
Lead	55650	0	1375	-1375	54275	6375	47900	DEC 23	378.6	-1.62
Nickel	37416	0	30	-30	37386	924	36462	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	6410	290	5	285	6695	165	6530	23-Sep	69440	-0.50
Zinc	148400	0	3225	-3225	145175	55925	89250	23-Oct	69140	-0.55

Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15719	-0.14	GBP	1.2483	-0.1919	Gold	1921.01	0.2322	1923.45 1922.05
DJI	34499	0.16	JPY	147.1200	0.3670	Silver	23.00	-0.7113	2347.5
S&P500	4447	-0.41	EUR	1.0704	-0.2144	Gold Comex	1945.1	0.046	
SSE	3122	-1.13	CNY	7.3292	-0.1528	Platinum	908.92	-0.5667	
Hg Seng	18202	-1.34	AUD	0.6379	-0.0470	Palladium	1215.07	-0.4865	
Brent	90	-0.30	CAD	1.3681	-0.3289				

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