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# Daily Base Metals Report

## Base Metals Comment

US stocks saw minor moves on the day ahead of the busy week filled with macroeconomic releases and major central bank meetings, including the US, Sweden, and England. Most central banks, apart from the Fed, are likely to increase interest rates. Still, most likely, this is going to be near the end of the tightening cycle, with expectations of higher-for-longer priced in at least until the year-end. BOE is likely to deliver another 25bps this week, and inflation should edge higher a day ahead of the announcement. From that point on, it is 50/50 on whether another 25bps will be delivered, with the market pricing in a peak in February. Inflation releases this week are likely to point to rises in headline inflation while the core remains broadly unchanged. This shows that the path to the inflation target will be bumpy, with fluctuations mostly driven by energy price volatility; the winter season is usually the main driver behind energy demand in the Northern Hemisphere. The dollar edged lower, and the 10yr US Treasury remained unchanged.

Lacklustre moves were seen across the base metals complex. Aluminium continued to fluctuate around \$2,200/t, and copper dipped below \$8,400/t again to close at \$8,359.50/t. Lead and zinc remained unchanged, closing at \$2,247.50/t and \$2,542/t, respectively. We are waiting for activity within the metals market; in the near term, and we could continue to see side-to-side fluctuations. The main risks this week are all coming from macro releases.

Physical tightness continued to drive oil futures higher, with \$100/bl now in sight, as WTI and Brent traded at \$91/bl and \$94/bl. Gold and silver continued to strengthen to \$1,928/oz and \$23.10/oz, respectively.

								Spreads	Conversion
	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2221	2232	2155	2220	2220	17822	658796	-42.55	99.36
Copper	8434	8508	8388	8359.5	8438	14864	264357	-51.00	381.23
Lead	2245	2269	2233	2247.5	2246	6329	146243	38.25	102.38
Nickel	20290	20360	19895	19877	20230	2557	158259	-251.50	903.75
Tin	25800	25945	25627	26183	25875	285	15407	-213.50	1170.28
Zinc	2572	2577	2514	2542	2560	9611	217299	-30.36	114.37
				Total:		51468	1460361		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2155.5	2197	2328.75	2455.75	2183.4	2224.5	2155.181818	2200.863636
Copper	8376.5	8427	8492.5	8542.5	8372.25	8417.5	8366.909091	8391.227273
Lead	2281	2245.5	2255.4	2267.4	2287	2245	2282.954545	2232
Nickel	19950	20050	21056	22160	20093	20343	20180	20373.18182
Tin	25600	25630			25675	25895	25629.54545	25806.81818
Zinc	2532.5	2561.5	2549.7	2565.2	2542	2570	2462.409091	2487.227273

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	498525	1000	4125	-3125	495400	255925	239475	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	143375	0	0	0	143375	275	143100	SEP 23	378.25 0.71
Lead	54100	0	0	0	54100	3650	50450	DEC 23	382.15 0.75
Nickel	38742	210	12	198	38940	906	38034	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	7035	10	30	-20	7015	465	6550	23-Sep	69800 0.46
Zinc	127450	0	4825	-4825	122625	46925	75700	23-Oct	69650 0.59

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change		AM	PM
DAX	15894	0.56	GBP	1.2397	-0.0967	Gold	1927.37	0.8677	1906.45 1901.75
DJI	34715	-0.55	JPY	147.8400	-0.2503	Silver	23.19	2.3749	2264
S&P500	4469	-0.80	EUR	1.0678	0.3289	Gold Comex	1949	0.838	
SSE	3118	-0.28	CNY	7.2749	0.0550	Platinum	930.24	2.0056	
Hg Seng	18183	0.75	AUD	0.6442	0.0311	Palladium	1247.29	-0.381	
Brent	94	0.21	CAD	1.3507	0.0074				

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