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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks rebounded today as the markets await big tech results due this evening. S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI data came above expectations at 50.0. The preliminary results show that the world's largest economy managed to bounce back in October after recording a narrow contraction last month. Higher-than-expected performance in both manufacturing and services led to the composite reading to 51.0. Conversely, data from the Eurozone pointed to a significant slump in manufacturing and services, with HCOB Eurozone Composite PMI below expectations at 46.5. The divergence in performance led the euro to depreciate against the dollar, with the USDEUR pair at 0.942. The dollar index increased to 106.09 while the 10-year US Treasury yield came back to 4.86% after rejecting prices above the 5.00% level.

Chinese government stepped up support for the economy, issuing additional sovereign debt and raising the budget deficit ratio. We expect that while these announcements are not game changers for the market, the cumulative impact of policy support, especially in the form of housing market aid, will help stabilise the demand for steel in Q4 2023 before a slight recovery next year. As a result, this announcement helped to support iron ore price performance as a gauge of the nation's sentiment. The base metals, however, prices continued to remain range-bound. Aluminium held above the \$2,165/t level once again, and copper is now back above \$8,000/t. Nickel continued to edge lower but struggled to break the support of \$18,000/t just yet, closing slightly above it at \$18,274/t. Lead and zinc edged higher to settle at \$2,109.50/t and \$2,442.50/t, respectively. Most of the cash to 3-month spreads, except for lead, remain in contango.

Oil futures weakened as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East softened slightly, pushing WTI and Brent lower to \$83/bl and \$87/bl. Likewise, gold and silver lost some momentum into \$1,965/oz and \$22.88/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	2178	2195	2165	2191	2176	14330	626074	-27.30	99.36
Copper	7975	8080	7937	8051.5	7986	19225	268744	-67.00	365.40
Lead	2101	2120	2100	2109.5	2098	5029	129951	57.25	95.62
Nickel	18255	18410	17930	18274	18230	3032	160443	-229.50	829.18
Tin	24985	25300	24890	25091	24860	228	15117	-199.50	1139.21
Zinc	2434	2450	2411	2442.5	2430	6516	202824	-7.30	110.93
					Total:	48360	1403153		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg Cash	3M
Aluminium	2146.5	2172	2299	2417	2148.55	2176	2187.382353	2216.794118
Copper	7900.5	7971	8154.5	8349.5	7900.76	7972	7922.117647	7997.382353
Lead	2157	2101	2130	2157.5	2166.5	2102.5	2137.029412	2104.823529
Nickel	17800	18075	19211	20381	17947.5	18177	18327.05882	18607.35294
Tin	24835	25025			24648	24890	24568.52941	24847.35294
Zinc	2416.5	2427	2474.5	2493.75	2410	2420	2450.058824	2470.647059

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets Last	% Change
Aluminium	486450	0	2000	-2000	484450	280925	203525	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	190450	1000	3975	-2975	187475	26950	160525	DEC 23	356.3 -1.06
Lead	115225	1950	0	1950	117175	1375	115800	MAR 24	360.05 -0.96
Nickel	44862	18	0	18	44880	5148	39732	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	7335	0	125	-125	7210	870	6340	23-Oct	66040 -0.63
Zinc	76250	0	1600	-1600	74650	26325	48325	23-Nov	65920 -0.66

Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	14880	0.54	GBP	1.2165	Gold	1968.54	1980.95	1973.00	
DJI	33143	0.63	JPY	149.8700	Silver	22.91		2318.5	
S&P500	4239	0.51	EUR	1.0591	Gold Comex	1979.9			
SSE	2962	0.78	CNY	7.3111	Platinum	886.4			
Hg Seng	16992	-1.05	AUD	0.6347	Palladium	1118.8			
Brent	88	-2.30	CAD	1.3748					

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