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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened higher today, buoyed by growing investor optimism following last week's economic data, which indicated a resilient consumer sector. The forthcoming GDP report will shed light on the overall performance of the world's largest economy in the final quarter of 2023. Additionally, the PMI data is expected to provide a clearer view of private sector activity in the U.S. and other major economies. Meanwhile, the dollar remained range-bound, trading around the 103.25 level, and the US 10-year Treasury yield dropped to 4.09%, still above this month's average.

Moderate downside was seen across the base metals space today, continuing from last week's trend. Both aluminium and copper posted losses today, trading at \$2,159/t and \$8,349.5/t, respectively. Chinese economy and a continued drift in its consumption performance are weighing on metals prices, and we believe the nation will remain key in driving the general trend of the whole complex, most likely resulting in rangebound moves in the meantime. The momentum of the day will be influenced by monetary policy expectations. As the dollar is expected to remain strong for most of this quarter, base metals will likely trade at the lower end of the trading range. However, lead may have a different narrative on the upside as shorts are building, stocks are coming off, and spreads are tightening. Indeed, lead continued on the upside today, trading at \$2,125/t.

Elevated Treasury yields continue to serve as headwinds for precious metals, suppressing the performance of gold and silver. The yellow metal declined today, standing at \$2,023.40/oz, while silver dipped below \$22.20/oz. A Ukrainian drone strike near a major Russian oil export terminal has raised fears of potential supply disruptions, driving prices higher. Consequently, both WTI and Brent crude oil prices saw an increase, standing at \$74.83/bl and \$79.73/bl, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2174	2180	2153	2159	2173	15706	696417	-41.00	97.98
Copper	8377	8381	8311	8345.5	8380	13294	277769	-85.00	378.98
Lead	2105	2129	2094	2124.5	2108	5849	139089	-8.91	96.37
Nickel	16090	16100	15920	16007	16040	3951	190205	-242.26	724.39
Tin	25440	25730	25280	25617	25295	488	16864	-202.00	1162.80
Zinc	2471	2474	2446	2456.5	2473	6786	216069	-11.50	111.47
<b>Total:</b>						<b>46074</b>	<b>1536413</b>		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2110	2154	2411.28	2531.28	2123.25	2166	2189.766667	2236.033333	
Copper	8254.5	8340	8467	8499	8271.76	8351	8300.133333	8397.933333	
Lead	2087	2099.5	2166.91	2199.91	2091.5	2105.5	2050.1	2077.733333	
Nickel	15785	16005	17472.74	18247.74	15799	16036	16024	16264	
Tin	25375	25650			25108.8	25298	24726.66667	24984.33333	
Zinc	2438.5	2453	2497	2496	2449.85	2462	2504.766667	2525.6	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	555225	0	4400	-4400	550825	212375	338450	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	157875	550	1675	-1125	156750	33500	123250	MAR 24	378.65 1.11	
Lead	112225	25	925	-900	111325	27925	83400	MAY 24	381.15 1.09	
Nickel	69576	0	84	-84	69492	3612	65880	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	7030	0	130	-130	6900	1190	5710	23-Jan	0 0.00	
Zinc	202050	0	2925	-2925	199125	38275	160850	24-Feb	68000 0.47	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	16683	0.77	GBP	1.2725	0.1732	Gold	2023.26 -0.307	2029.5	2028.55
DJI	37980	0.31	JPY	148.0100	0.0743	Silver	22.19 -1.9278		2280
S&P500	4856	0.33	EUR	1.0892	-0.0551	Gold Comex	2043.8 -0.234		
SSE	2756	-2.68	CNY	7.1936	-0.0028	Platinum	899.25 -0.445		
Hg Seng	14961	-2.27	AUD	0.6580	-0.2577	Palladium	940.78 -1.0341		
Brent	80	1.78	CAD	1.3458	-0.2155				

All price data is from 22.01.2024 as of 17:30

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