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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fluctuated today following the release of the weekly labour data. Last week's jobless claims were higher than expected, with initial claims reaching 231,000 and continuing claims at 1,785,000, both hinting at a slight weakening in the US labour market. The dollar slipped below the 105.3 mark, while the 10-year US Treasury yield remained steady, just under 4.5%. Meanwhile, the Bank of England maintained its benchmark interest rate at 5.25%. Although Governor Andrew Bailey emphasized the need for more data to confirm a sufficient easing of inflation before starting monetary policy changes, his positive outlook on inflation softening led the markets to adjust their expectations for a rate cut in June. Forward swaps are now pricing in a 60% probability of the first cut next month. The USD/GBP pair fell today, trading at 0.799.

Another day of marginal market moves was seen across the base metals complex today, highlighting market uncertainty about higher price levels. Indeed, according to the latest COT report, speculative net positions are now reducing from recent highs, suggesting upside appetite might be waning. Copper once again struggled above the \$10,000/t level, closing at \$9,904.50/t. Likewise, aluminium remained unchanged at \$2,561.50/t. Lead and zinc held firmly above \$2,233.50/t and \$2,905.50/t, respectively.

A weaker dollar lifted precious metals today, with gold rising to \$2,330/oz and silver once again climbing above \$28/oz. Oil prices maintained this week's upward momentum, with WTI trading at \$79.3/bl and Brent at \$83.89/bl.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
Aluminium	2564	2566	2519	2561.5	2569	18380	679853	-48.25	115.49
Copper	10004	10007	9820	9904.5	10010	19646	334099	-135.00	448.65
Lead	2242	2254	2212	2233.5	2244	5869	140831	-45.34	100.81
Nickel	19135	19135	18585	19033	19100	4708	206364	-188.22	855.94
Tin	32560	32560	31835	32584	32600	293	19943	95.00	1451.47
Zinc	2948	2948	2856	2909.5	2943	12057	239524	-33.57	131.70
					Total:	60953	1620614		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2488	2530	2714.09	2677	2522.47	2569.5	2516.4	2551.5
Copper	9740	9875	10163.5	10073.5	9894.29	10029.5	9755	9879.8
Lead	2187	2228	2314.76	2326.76	2198.16	2243.5	2167.9	2208.3
Nickel	18510	18720	19956.2109	20630.21094	19063.74	19256	18610	18815
Tin	32650	32450			32693	32593	31960	31790
Zinc	2860	2893	2942.5	2892.5	2926.43	2960	2866	2890.5

LME Stocks (tonnes)						Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	486050	0	3450	-3450	482600	262600	220000	Comex, US\$/lb	
Copper	107350	275	1625	-1350	106000	15875	90125	MAY 24	462.55
Lead	258800	0	11950	-11950	246850	88450	158400	JUL 24	460.55
Nickel	79896	0	24	-24	79872	5208	74664	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	4855	115	190	-75	4780	360	4420	01-May	79820
Zinc	253725	0	975	-975	252750	41275	211475	01-Jun	80170

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	18473	0.23	GBP	1.2496	-0.1039	Gold	2318.46
DJI	38962	0.20	JPY	155.5500	-0.5529	Silver	27.46
S&P500	5184	-0.06	EUR	1.0749	-0.0558	Gold Comex	2326.2
SSE	3128	-0.61	CNY	7.2260	-0.1024	Platinum	975.85
Hg Seng	18314	-0.90	AUD	0.6577	-0.3183	Palladium	960.62
Brent	84	0.48	CAD	1.3720	0.0437		

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