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Daily Base Metals Report

Markets have been buoyed today by renewed optimism causing risk assets to rally. Leading equity indices, energy, and metal prices have been well bid. The majority of agriculture markets are higher today at the time of writing. The renewed optimism was off the back of positive vaccine results from Moderna Inc. Today's activity comes as lockdown restrictions across the globe continue to be eased but also as Fed Chair Jerome Powell has warned of lengthy recovery and downside risks.

Metals prices were well bid today as risk appetite gripped the market. Copper prices broke through resistance at \$5,300/t and closed at \$5,317.5/t. Nickel prices also were also well bid and close at \$12,250/t. Zinc and lead closed above key resistance as well at \$2,017/t and \$1,662/t respectively. Ali closed fractionally below key resistance at \$1,500/t at \$1,497/t. Cash to 3 months spreads tightened slightly with zinc moving into \$5.25/t back, while copper and lead tightened to \$25.5/t and \$17.75/t respectively. Downside risks remain and activity is still within range, but it remains to be seen if strength can be sustained.

Energy prices continue to rise, with WTI and Brent gaining ground today, both assets up around 10% on the day, and trade at \$32.76/bl and \$35.41/bl respectively. Precious metals prices have had a mixed day today. Gold and silver prices rallied at with risk assets this morning but have pared those gains this afternoon with gold now down on the day at \$1,731/oz.

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	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	1463	1500	1463	1496	1460	18907	869777	-33.25	67.86
Copper	5205	5335	5205	5317.5	5196	18801	275556	-25.50	241.15
Lead	1606	1673	1603	1664.5	1601	4868	113428	-17.75	75.30
Nickel	11860	12270	11840	12250	11820	5783	217288	-70.75	555.66
Tin	15020	15315	15015	15282	14960	343	17280	136.00	693.10
Zinc	1966	2028	1966	2024	1966	10037	217698	5.25	91.54
					Total:	58739	1711027		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg Cash	3M
Aluminium	1441.5	1476	1621.25	1693.5	1428.9	1462	1441.136364	1478.409091
Copper	5249.5	5277.5	5411.75	5471.75	5156	5181.5	5173.181818	5203.363636
Lead	1611	1625	1673	1703	1579.85	1600	1605.454545	1626.772727
Nickel	11950	12036	12364	12594	11784.5	11855	12035.72727	12104.54545
Tin	15240	15120			15118	14965	15293.36364	15125.27273
Zinc	1997	1995.5	2041.5	2073.5	1965.75	1961.5	1954.909091	1958.954545

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets Last	% Change
Aluminium	1419675	0	5200	-5200	1414475	228975	1185500	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	278750	1000	3375	-2375	276375	25800	250575	MAY 20	239.3 2.55
Lead	74300	275	325	-50	74250	16125	58125	JUL 20	239.8 2.90
Nickel	233844	0	204	-204	233640	54324	179316	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	3540	0	0	0	3540	1160	2380	00-Jan	0 0.00
Zinc	98975	0	350	-350	98625	26425	72200	00-Jan	0 0.00

Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	11059	5.67	GBP	1.2184	0.5612	Gold	1732.42	-0.6452	1734.85
DJI	24523	3.54	JPY	107.2800	-0.2051	Silver	17.05	2.6585	1625
S&P500	2949	2.97	EUR	1.0909	0.8226	Gold Comex	1732.9	-1.332	
SSE	2875	0.24	CNY	7.1096	-0.1083	Platinum	823.17	4.2687	
Hg Seng	23935	0.58	AUD	0.6508	1.4814	Palladium	2005.89	6.5914	
Brent	35	8.31	RUB	72.7210	1.2094				

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