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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks fell today as markets assessed the data about disappointing labour data. Indeed, US jobless claims rose on the week ending July 18 for the first time since March 13, up 109,000 w/w, indicating a pause in the employment recovery as coronavirus cases surge across the nation. Mortgage rates in the US rose for the first time in six weeks, however, remain close to record lows. The dollar traded down to levels seen in September 2018, and the US 10yr yield on Treasuries declined to 0.5823%. In Europe, consumer confidence stalled in July, and Italy approved a \$29bn extra spending proposal to battle the impacts on coronavirus.

Sentiment on the LME was tentatively positive; nickel gained the most ground closing just shy of \$13,700/t at \$13,689/t. Nickel cash to 3s continued to widen to -\$38.25/t. Aluminium was well bid closing below the resistance level of \$1,705/t at \$1,701/t. Copper prices were also stronger, breaking above the \$6,550/t level to close at \$6,544.50/t. Lead and zinc were on the front foot, closing higher on the day at \$1,826/t and \$2,239.50/t respectively.

Oil futures slumped in the second half of the day with demand worries coming from Asia and the US. At the time of writing, WTI and Brent trade at \$42.06/bl and \$44.24/bl respectively. Gold continued this week's rally, edging close to \$1,895/oz and silver was down on the day at \$22.87/oz.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	1689	1708	1683	1701	1690	11617	801050	-36.75	77.25
Copper	6485	6552	6434	6544.5	6477	12697	316265	25.50	295.97
Lead	1822	1842	1809	1826	1814	3332	108607	-19.00	82.85
Nickel	13080	13705	13070	13689	13080	12638	196698	-38.25	620.75
Tin	17525	17850	17445	17813	17575	487	15858	35.00	809.44
Zinc	2211	2242	2198	2239.5	2205	6751	204860	-4.75	101.61
<b>Total:</b>						<b>47522</b>	<b>1643338</b>		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	1661	1697.5	1785.25	1859.5	1655	1691	1627.294118	1659.323529
Copper	6533.5	6510.5	6506	6506	6503	6486	6326.117647	6322.323529
Lead	1794.5	1813	1854	1887	1784.75	1805.5	1806.117647	1821.941176
Nickel	13460	13498	13738	13948	13094.25	13136	13235.23529	13282
Tin	17762	17703			17630	17581	17284	17199.29412
Zinc	2207	2214	2253	2280	2206.25	2213	2133.029412	2144.176471

LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets	
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	1648225	0	7800	-7800	1640425	265175	1375250	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	145050	1525	2775	-1250	143800	87850	55950	JUL 20	291.55 0.24
Lead	86925	10675	25	10650	97575	15500	82075	AUG 20	292.95 0.53
Nickel	235182	36	72	-36	235146	57306	177840	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	3985	25	40	-15	3970	325	3645	00-Jan	0 0.00
Zinc	133450	17200	600	16600	150050	20325	129725	00-Jan	0 0.00

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix				
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	13103	-0.01	GBP	1.2757	0.1806	Gold	1894.71	1.2451	1851	1852.40
DJI	26936	-0.26	JPY	106.8300	0.2995	Silver	22.86	-0.6053		2224.5
S&P500	3266	-0.29	EUR	1.1621	0.4408	Gold Comex	1892	1.442		
SSE	3325	-0.24	CNY	7.0041	-0.0557	Platinum	926.21	0.1871		
Hg Seng	25263	0.82	AUD	0.7135	-0.0700	Palladium	2166.27	0.4409		
Brent	44	-0.05	RUB	71.1845	-0.1396					

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