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Daily Base Metals Report

The US record-breaking rally continued today on the back of the positive economic sentiment. The US weekly jobless claims gradually declined but remained above 1m, and the economy contracted by 31.7% q/q in Q2, less than expected. The dollar advanced, and the US yield on 10yr Treasuries picked up to 0.7309% after Powell remained hugely dovish in today's meeting.

Metals prices were well bid today as risk appetite took hold of the market. Copper prices edged higher today, as Codelco stated that their mines operated at normal levels after rain disruption. The metal closed at \$6,621/t. Aluminium was mostly range-bound, and closed marginally higher on the day at \$1,781/t; the cash to 3-months spread tightened into -\$37.50/t backwardation. Nickel steadied, and support at \$15,150/t triggered a close at \$15,191/t. Tin gained the most ground, testing the resistance at \$17,855/t before closing at \$17,810/t. Zinc and lead prices were both higher today, testing the \$2,499/t and \$1,990/t, and closing at \$2,485.50/t and \$1,982/t respectively.

Oil futures declined as the hurricane crossed over land in the Gulf of Mexico region and has seen subsided. At the time of writing, WTI and Brent trade at \$43.15/bl and \$45.26/bl. Gold fluctuated after Powell's statement but has traded lower to \$1,923.44/oz. Silver is trading at \$27.07/oz.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	1776	1784	1762	1781	1776	10048	788187	-37.50	80.72
Copper	6607	6653	6542	6621	6600	14284	325703	23.00	300.37
Lead	1982	1990	1962	1982	1980	3026	115341	-24.75	89.88
Nickel	15195	15260	15060	15191	15205	6339	214499	-35.00	688.33
Tin	17595	17855	17595	17810	17565	523	17502	16.00	806.50
Zinc	2475	2499	2460	2485	2473	6734	221257	-25.50	113.10
					Total:	40954	1682489		

	Official Prices				Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	1738	1776.5	1860	1924.5	1740	1780	1732.42	1770.18
Copper	6602.5	6575	6585.75	6584.75	6615	6594	6484.53	6474.47
Lead	1954	1977.5	2017.5	2049.5	1950.25	1977.5	1933.03	1951.79
Nickel	15120	15175	15404	15619	15123.99	15159	14438.05	14487.32
Tin	17690	17680			17565	17550	17665.11	17642.68
Zinc	2455	2482	2522	2542	2439.75	2467	2400.37	2419.47

	LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1563300	0	4000	-4000	1559300	227525	1331775	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	92025	1000	2250	-1250	90775	44450	46325	SEP 20	297.2 0.35	
Lead	125300	0	100	-100	125200	10925	114275	DEC 20	299.5 0.45	
Nickel	238818	36	24	12	238830	60384	178446	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	5215	0	0	0	5215	315	4900	00-Jan	0 0.00	
Zinc	224100	0	1650	-1650	222450	7225	215225	00-Jan	0 0.00	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	13096	GBP	1.32	Gold	1928.53	1918.5	1932.95
DJI	28555	JPY	106.44	Silver	27.08		2639.5
S&P500	3498	EUR	1.18	Gold Comex	1936.4		
SSE	3350	CNY	6.89	Platinum	929.25		
Hg Seng	25281	AUD	0.73	Palladium	2163.16		
Brent	45	RUB	75.01				

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