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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks were mixed after another day of "hopeful" statements regarding the spending bill. US initial jobless claims declined to 787,000 in the week ending October 17th, the third week of decline in a row, suggesting a gradual recovery in the labour market. US mortgage rates have fallen to record lows once more. The dollar strengthened 92.921 and the yield for 10yr US Treasuries edged up to 0.8394%. In Europe, with the number of coronavirus-related cases reaching record highs, the UK has introduced a continued furlough scheme for businesses affected by Tier 2 lockdown. US hospitalisations for COVID-19 jumped to a 2-month high.

The sentiment on the LME was weaker today, except for zinc which recovered from last day's losses to close at \$2,578.50/t. Aluminium swung between gains and losses, edging up to the resistance level at \$1,850/t in the second half of the day before closing just below at \$1,846.50/t. Aluminium cash to 3m spread widened out marginally to -\$12.00/t. Copper was particularly weak as protracted selling pressure triggered a close at \$6,922.50/t. Nickel and lead prices traded lower and closed above the key support level of \$15,700/t and \$1,790/t at \$15,817/t and \$1,811/t respectively. Iron ore was range-bound, closing at CNY796.5/mt.

Oil futures were on front foot today, driven by stimulus bill talks in the US. At the time of writing, WTI and Brent trade at \$40.84/bl and \$42.66/bl. Precious metals were all weaker, with gold and silver edging down to \$1,901.35/oz and \$24.56/oz respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	1847	1850	1837	1846.5	1848	7214	746655	-12.75	83.46
Copper	6982	6987	6884	6922.5	6996	12169	303893	-15.50	313.73
Lead	1801	1816	1791	1811	1801	2621	111202	-14.00	81.38
Nickel	15895	15895	15705	15817	15910	5735	220587	-35.00	717.14
Tin	18715	18725	18470	18685	18710	360	17063	1.00	845.50
Zinc	2565	2587	2551	2578.5	2565	8060	213487	-13.50	116.62
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>36159</b>	<b>1612887</b>		

Official Prices								Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	1828	1840	1900.5	1958.5	1833	1843.5	1799.69	1818.72	
Copper	6886	6901.5	6914.75	6992.25	6977.75	6991.5	6681.69	6693.84	
Lead	1792	1804.5	1845.5	1875.5	1796.5	1810.5	1776.06	1792.91	
Nickel	15707	15740	15917	16106	15845.25	15886	15099.44	15141.38	
Tin	18500	18528			18737.5	18745	18211.44	18221.56	
Zinc	2540	2557	2583	2603	2552.75	2568.5	2409.22	2427.47	

LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets	
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	1485125	0	3175	-3175	1481950	217550	1264400	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	181650	25	1050	-1025	180625	63350	117275	DEC 20	315.9 -1.23
Lead	128850	0	0	0	128850	17100	111750	MAR 21	315.7 -1.17
Nickel	237366	18	24	-6	237360	59076	178284	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	5230	15	260	-245	4985	735	4250	00-Jan	0 0.00
Zinc	219775	0	200	-200	219575	9450	210125	00-Jan	0 0.00

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	12543 -0.12	GBP	1.31 -0.49	Gold	1901.52 -1.19	1918.95	1924.15
DJI	28179 -0.11	JPY	104.86 -0.26	Silver	24.57 -1.92		2502
S&P500	3431 -0.12	EUR	1.18 -0.33	Gold Comex	1901.7 -1.44		
SSE	3313 -0.38	CNY	6.69 -0.51	Platinum	882.36 -0.95		
Hg Seng	24786 0.13	AUD	0.71 -0.14	Palladium	2387.01 -1.05		
Brent	43 2.11	RUB	76.40 0.43				

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