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Daily Base Metals Report

Global equities were a mixed bag yesterday as investors awaited the Fed minutes, we do not expect a change in language or rhetoric this close to Jackson Hole. The market expects the Fed to taper by the end of the year and anticipate some signal next week. The dollar index firmed to 93.216 at the time of writing, as housing starts declined by 7% M/M but building permits increased by 2.6% M/M and mortgage applications declined 3.9% in the week to 3.9%. Major European stocks were down, as Euro area CPI was 2.2% Y/Y, with core CPI at 0.7% Y/Y.

LME prices declined yesterday as selling pressure was robust. Protracted selling pressure caused copper prices to test support around \$9,00/t and closed at \$9,042.50/t. The lead cash to 3-month spread continued to tighten and settled at \$204.5/t back but the flat price closed on the back foot at \$2,289.50/t. Nickel broke below key support at \$19,000/t to close at \$18,887/t. Zinc also broke through a key support level and settled at \$2,985/t. The cash to 3-month spread is still in a backwardation at \$13.76/t and the flat price settled at \$2,555/t.

Energy prices failed to hold onto the intraday highs with Brent rejecting resistance at \$70/bl and trading at \$68.55/t at the time of writing, with WTI at \$65.97/bl. Precious metals also suffered yesterday with prices trading at \$1,782.62/oz and silver at \$23.45/oz.

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	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	2587	2605	2552	2555	2576	15383	652891	13.76	116.21
Copper	9250	9337	9023	9042.5	9224	27671	276262	-18.50	409.60
Lead	2293	2311	2281	2289.5	2293	3766	121704	204.50	103.83
Nickel	19230	19360	18840	18887	19230	8841	214973	3.00	856.39
Tin	35750	35750	35310	35383	35640	270	12572	505.00	1603.92
Zinc	3005	3028	2982	2985	3003	7589	248191	-0.25	135.35
Total:						63520	1526593		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg Cash	3M
Aluminium	2589.5	2571.5	2524.01	2488.5	2614.24	2599.5	2598.692308	2595.576923
Copper	9148.5	9168.5	9051.75	9001.75	9226.75	9247.5	9441.076923	9466.653846
Lead	2504	2308	2252	2218	2447.5	2323	2408.269231	2338.961538
Nickel	19019	19012	19020	19055	19193.5	19193	19295.69231	19303.61538
Tin	35985	35455			36278	35798	36224.07692	35135.46154
Zinc	2998	2994.5	2975	2908	3006.25	3015	2997.615385	3004.038462

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets Last	% Change
Aluminium	1322150	1325	8350	-7025	1315125	450425	864700	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	236325	8875	75	8800	245125	12625	232500	SEP 21	420.6
Lead	57375	100	25	75	57450	17300	40150	DEC 21	420.45
Nickel	200382	288	1560	-1272	199110	57144	141966	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	1750	0	20	-20	1730	730	1000	21-Aug	0
Zinc	232100	2775	3650	-875	231225	56575	174650	21-Sep	0

Global Markets

	Currencies			Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change		Last	% Change		Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	15966	0.28	GBP	1.3746	0.0364	Gold	1782.54	-0.2043	1794.05	1789.45
DJI	35289	-0.15	JPY	110.0000	-0.3636	Silver	23.45	-0.8956		2390
S&P500	4444	-0.09	EUR	1.1695	-0.1281	Gold Comex	1784.4	-0.190		
SSE	3485	1.11	CNY	6.4847	0.0247	Platinum	1002.88	0.3834		
Hg Seng	25867	0.47	AUD	0.7229	-0.3309	Palladium	2421.95	-2.7837		
Brent	69	-0.65	RUB	73.8552	-0.3562					

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