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Daily Base Metals Report

Risk appetite improved as global equities rallied across all regions, taking back some recent losses. U.S. inflation tomorrow is expected to increase further to 7.2%, but energy and commodity prices continued to rally, and supply-chains have not eased. The high reading will force the Fed's hand, but as mentioned yesterday but rate hikes are priced in already, a significant beat of the data would cause the U.S. 10yr to rally through 2%, currently trading at 1.922%. Today, the dollar was marginally softer, trading at 95.49 and holding above 100 DMA. Mortgage approvals in the U.S. were weaker by 8.1% to February 4th, and wholesale inventories gained 2.2%. EURUSD has consolidated today, with cable struggling into 1.36.

Metals were well supported today; aluminium, copper, and nickel led the way. Aluminium closed just off the high at \$3,266/t; the cash to 3 months spread weakened marginally to \$17.5/t back. Copper caught a bid today, breaking back above \$10,000/t; the low inventory environment with Chinese demand coming out of the seasonally low period indicates higher prices in the near term; the cash to 3-month spread is at \$35/t. Zinc pushed back above \$3,600/t and closed at \$3,644.5/t. Nickel broke back above \$23,000/t and trades at \$23,210/t. Lead was bid but failed to close above \$2,250/t and settled at \$2,243.50/t. Iron ore and steel lost ground overnight but caught a bid this afternoon with SGX iron ore at \$148.05/t and SHFE rebar at 4,883/t.

Energy prices rallied this afternoon to test appetite at \$92/bl and \$90/bl, but trade just of the highs at the time of writing. Precious metals edged higher, with gold at \$1,834/oz and silver at \$23.32/oz.

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	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	3192	3272	3162	3266	3188	18898	669496	17.25	147.94
Copper	9808	10080	9720	10059	9820	20969	251258	44.00	456.09
Lead	2209	2261	2201	2243.5	2209	4864	99553	8.75	102.40
Nickel	22765	23350	22695	23187	22740	6574	221649	384.00	1052.80
Tin	43000	43500	42715	43110	42900	222	14772	179.00	1957.50
Zinc	3591	3653	3588	3644.5	3593	6361	252526	-0.75	165.54
Total:						57888	1509254		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	
							Cash	3M
Aluminium	3248	3225.5	2885	2615	3214.5	3183	3128.785714	3101.285714
Copper	9881	9841	9609	9279	9809.25	9781	9818.857143	9781.428571
Lead	2234	2223	2136.25	2056.25	2209.01	2205	2226.857143	2218.428571
Nickel	23550	23150	21769	21544	23023	22692	23447.14286	22967.14286
Tin	43400	43250			43107.5	42930	43472.85714	43097.14286
Zinc	3633.5	3628	3252.5	2952.5	3593.75	3593	3635.357143	3623.142857

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	767700	0	5750	-5750	761950	343100	418850	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	79925	625	3225	-2600	77325	25550	51775	MAR 22	446.1	-0.03
Lead	51950	0	0	0	51950	11200	40750	MAY 22	446.5	-0.06
Nickel	85890	0	246	-246	85644	41466	44178	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2430	0	0	0	2430	250	2180	22-Feb	70330	-0.40
Zinc	153875	0	1175	-1175	152700	21100	131600	22-Mar	70240	-0.48

Global Markets

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix				
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	15482	1.57	GBP	1.3543	0.0000	Gold	1835.35	0.5165	1821	1822.60
DJI	35712	0.70	JPY	115.4400	0.0953	Silver	23.33	0.603		2286
S&P500	4570	1.06	EUR	1.1431	0.1402	Gold Comex	1835.4	0.410		
SSE	3480	0.79	CNY	6.3627	0.0597	Platinum	1038.06	0.2095		
Hq Seng	24830	2.06	AUD	0.7184	0.5318	Palladium	2293.77	2.0987		
Brent	91	0.64	RUB	74.5795	0.5817					

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