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Daily Base Metals Report

The market kept its attention focussed on sanctions and the commodities once again, with US stocks facing another day of moderate losses. Oil futures saw an inflow of volatility after a barrage of sanctions coming from the US and the UK, as the countries moved to ban the import of Russian oil. Shell is one of the latest companies to pull out of Russia, stating they will not make any new Russian oil and gas purchases. As a means of retaliation, Russia threatened to cut natural gas supplies to Europe via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline, despite Germany's recent move to avoid ban on energy imports. On the other hand, we saw China considering increasing their stakes in Russian energy and commodity companies, a move that could provide some relief for Russian businesses. The dollar fluctuated while the 10yr US Treasury yield edged higher above 1.80%.

Nickel outshined other metals as the unprecedented rally that we saw in the last couple of days, and more recently, a jump above \$100,000/t overnight caused LME exchange to halt trading of the metal. Aluminium weakened by 7% to close at \$3,498/t as a result, with cash to 3-month spread falling to -\$27.50/t, the lowest level since June 2021. Copper tested the resistance of \$10,700/t before falling lower to close at \$10,209/t. Zinc and lead were both marginally higher, closing at \$4,135.50/t and \$2,497/t, respectively.

Oil futures rallied today as the new wave of sanctions threatens the global supply picture, causing WTI and Brent to jump to \$128.57/bl and \$132.88/bl, respectively. Precious metals gained ground, with gold and silver now trading at \$2,058.04/oz and \$26.68oz.

For more in-depth analysis of base and precious metals, please see our [Quarterly Metals report](#).

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	3740	3900	3452	3498	3740	31634	682889	-27.50	156.60
Copper	10267	10765	10011	10209	10315	21622	257510	-48.25	463.71
Lead	2460	2700	2460	2497	2450	7358	116819	-36.00	113.29
Nickel	49980	101365	48000	48063	50300	9064	219326	138.00	2180.12
Tin	47000	51000	46820	48650	47500	722	14854	215.00	2206.75
Zinc	4134	4896	3900	4135.5	4103	19139	251044	-22.50	189.65
					Total:	89539	1542442		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	3500.5	3516	3281.75	3031.75	3732	3740	3694.166667	3673.666667	
Copper	10171	10250.5	10229.25	10119.25	10255.5	10281.5	10345.083333	10333.166667	
Lead	2491	2535	2393.26	2303.26	2446.25	2448.5	2452.5	2459.833333	
Nickel	42995	42200	46528	46158	48201	48078	30809	30026	
Tin	50050	49500			46979	46735	47475	47100.833333	
Zinc	4091	4100	3538.5	3088.5	4133	4112.5	4002.083333	3982.666667	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	786475	0	7125	-7125	779350	289250	490100	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	70250	400	1050	-650	69600	11225	58375	MAR 22	472.2 -4.2	
Lead	42225	0	1925	-1925	40300	6375	33925	MAY 22	473.1 -4.18	
Nickel	76830	60	1878	-1818	75012	38418	36594	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	2275	0	0	0	2275	155	2120	22-Mar	73300 -1.74	
Zinc	141525	0	275	-275	141250	13225	128025	22-Apr	73520 -1.12	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix				
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	12832	-0.02	GBP	1.3112	0.0611	Gold	2044.65	2.3292	1999.25	1980.95
DJI	33090	0.83	JPY	115.6800	-0.3112	Silver	26.36	2.7024		2574
S&P500	4217	0.38	EUR	1.0912	0.5344	Gold Comex	2053.8	2.901		
SSE	3294	-2.35	CNY	6.3187	0.0332	Platinum	1152.92	2.289		
Hq Seng	20766	-1.39	AUD	0.7275	-0.5740	Palladium	2980.65	-0.5333		
Brent	130	5.34	RUB	120.1375	-9.3664					

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