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Daily Base Metals Report

US stock and bond markets deepened their declines today as the investors price in the steepest tightening since 1994, with 250bps worth of rate hikes to take place this year. The Fed minutes pointed to a reduction in bond holdings at a maximum of \$95bn/month; it has also showed that many officials were in favour of a 0.5 percentage point hike in March, suggesting that this rate of tightening might be appropriate for the upcoming meetings. The dollar softened. Elsewhere, German factory orders fell for the first time in four months in March, and many companies stated that a recession would be inevitable if Germany cut itself off from Russian oil and gas.

Another day of lacklustre moves on the LME exchange, only with nickel edging slightly higher to close at \$33,467/t. Aluminium started the day on the front foot but struggled to break above resistance of \$3,500/t, closing at \$3,441/t. Copper was range-bound before breaking below the support of \$10,350/t in the latter half of the trade to close at \$10,305/t. Zinc and lead both closed lower at \$4,274/t and \$2,413.50/t, respectively. Iron ore futures fell for the first time in three days but struggled to break below \$160/mt today; following the increasing nickel costs and now growing lockdown restriction on the manufacturing industry in China, the stainless steel mills may be forced to cut production by about 30,000t in April, according to Mysteel Global.

Oil futures declined today, with WTI falling below \$100/bl, but support at \$99.15/bl remains robust. Precious metals gained marginal ground, with gold and silver trading at \$1,928/oz and \$24.49/oz.

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 C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	3451	3500	3426	3441	3455	11175	606703	-24.74	156.90
Copper	10410	10440	10270	10305	10432	11974	260326	-18.50	469.27
Lead	2402	2422	2392	2413.5	2404	2480	111080	-13.50	109.68
Nickel	33100	34355	32810	33467	33610	1979	183888	-6.00	1520.00
Tin	44000	44600	43635	43850	43940	268	14051	360.00	1995.83
Zinc	4275	4320	4253	4274	4287	4632	235919	20.25	193.73
					Total:	32508	1411967		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	3443.5	3467	3336	3211	3443.5	3465	3446.375	3467	
Copper	10350.5	10373	10414	10264	10433	10455	10331.25	10351.75	
Lead	2389	2400	2375.5	2365.5	2425.29	2428	2422.5	2417.75	
Nickel	33600	33520	32942	32707	33306	33312	33460	33411.25	
Tin	45175	44450			44779	44174	45143.75	44250	
Zinc	4306	4274	3569	3059	4330.91	4296.5	4354.75	4304.5	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	623325	2500	5950	-3450	619875	210125	409750	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	95975	0	1050	-1050	94925	40000	54925	MAY 22	479.5 0.28	
Lead	39325	0	0	0	39325	4300	35025	JUL 22	480.15 0.31	
Nickel	72924	1206	228	978	73902	16896	57006	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	1915	775	40	735	2650	615	2035	22-May	0 0.00	
Zinc	134125	0	3700	-3700	130425	84575	45850	22-Jun	0 0.00	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	14152 -1.89	GBP	1.3085 0.0841	Gold	1927.92 0.2246	1929.45	1944.05	
DJI	34446 -0.56	JPY	123.7400 -0.1131	Silver	24.47 0.6139		2467.5	
S&P500	4477 -1.07	EUR	1.0911 0.0550	Gold Comex	1931.6 0.213			
SSE	3283 0.02	CNY	6.3598 0.0487	Platinum	954.9 -1.7178			
Hq Seng	22081 -1.87	AUD	0.7543 -0.4750	Palladium	2179.25 -2.5193			
Brent	105 -1.98	RUB	118.6895 1.4433					

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