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# Daily Base Metals Report

Attention shifted away from the Fed to the UK today, where the BoE has decided to hike the interest rate by 25bps. While this was in line with the market expectations, the policymakers' comments in regards to the rising inflation of 10.0% in Q4 and upcoming recession in 2023 have dented market confidence, causing the pound to fall to June 2020 levels against the dollar. US stocks reversed yesterday's gains as investors questioned the effectiveness of the Fed move to combat the persistently high inflationary environment. The 10yr US Treasury yield jumped above 3.00% while the dollar jumped but remained below the previous resistance of 104. As a result, US mortgage rates ticked higher, breaking above the August 2009 highs of 5.27%. Meanwhile, US productivity dropped by the most since the late 40s in Q1, while labour costs surged, and the job market remained tight. US initial jobless claims increased slightly to 200k in the week ending April 30th.

In line with the US stock markets, metals on the LME softened in the latter half of the day, with the stronger dollar driving the downside sentiment. Zinc once again saw the strongest losses today, falling to close at \$3,904.50/t. Next in line was nickel, as the metal fell below the support of \$30,050/t to close at \$30,114/t. Aluminium and copper softened after testing the resistance of \$3,020/t and \$9,750/t to close at \$2,916/t and \$9,489.50/t, respectively. Iron ore gained ground, closing higher on the day at \$145.22/mt.

After the oil embargo introduced by the EU, Germany said it expected the bloc to turn its sights on Russian gas once the ban on oil is in place. WTI and Brent fluctuated, trading lower day-on-day at \$107.16/bl and \$109.79/bl, respectively. Gold and silver weakened, with the latter falling more than 2.5% down to \$22.38/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	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2997	3035	2893	2916	2985	15041	596159	-31.75	132.56
Copper	9607	9770	9434	9489.5	9510	20099	255369	23.00	428.79
Lead	2299	2333	2275	2277	2290	2980	112434	-11.00	103.22
Nickel	31000	31000	30050	30114	30615	2261	163365	-100.00	1363.06
Tin	40270	40705	40270	40500	40705	197	12865	279.00	1837.07
Zinc	3995	4065	3882	3904.5	3970	8757	220332	19.25	176.25
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>49335</b>	<b>1360524</b>		

#### Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	
							Cash	3M
Aluminium	2917	2947	2855.49	2780.49	2919.25	2953	2919.166667	2951.5
Copper	9541	9541	9436.5	9376.5	9468	9473.5	9508.666667	9515.666667
Lead	2305	2307.5	2231.5	2183.5	2278.2	2281.5	2282.666667	2280.5
Nickel	30200	30325	30412	30512	30524	30638	30498.333333	30600
Tin	40775	40475			40950.9	40616	40925	40600
Zinc	3993	3962	3430.5	3130.5	3986.25	3965	3997.666667	3961

#### LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	573975	0	375	-375	573600	185825	387775	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	154475	15475	1150	14325	168800	51000	117800	MAY 22	432.85	1.35
Lead	38100	0	0	0	38100	4325	33775	JUL 22	433.8	1.28
Nickel	72384	1440	216	1224	73608	9684	63924	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3020	0	0	0	3020	290	2730	22-May	0	0.00
Zinc	94075	0	900	-900	93175	58700	34475	22-Jun	0	0.00

#### Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	13903	-0.49	GBP	1.2336	-2.3355	Gold	1875.52	-0.303	1868.7	1863.65
DJI	33043	-2.99	JPY	130.5000	-1.0805	Silver	22.37	-2.6736		2259.5
S&P500	4140	-3.73	EUR	1.0501	-1.1391	Gold Comex	1874.3	0.294		
SSE	3068	0.68	CNY	6.6558	-0.7107	Platinum	978.5	-1.6267		
Hg Seng	20793	-0.36	AUD	0.7086	-2.3967	Palladium	2184.36	-3.3777		
Brent	110	-0.44	RUB	118.6895	1.4433					

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