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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks extended yesterday's gains on the back of another day of strong corporate earnings results; slowing market growth is already priced in by markets, and upbeat corporate earnings result in positive gains on the day. At the same time, according to Bank of America, global growth and profit expectations sank to an all-time low, while recession expectations reached the highest since May 2020. The dollar retreated, and the 10yr US Treasury yield edged back above 3.00%. The euro rose to the highest level in two weeks, to 1.02, as expectations of 50bps from the ECB on Thursday have increased; the implied rate stands at 38bps. In the meantime, the ECB's President Lagarde is redoubling efforts to forge agreement on a still-incomplete new crisis tool.

Mixed performance from the metals today as the dollar pulled back some of its gains. Aluminium fell back below the support level of \$2,400/t to close at \$2,389/t. In the meantime, both imports of exports of aluminium ore and alumina improved in May. According to SMM, In June, China imported 9.42m mt of aluminium ore and concentrate, a decline of 7.5% y/y; the alumina exports were at 190,000mt, a surge of 3,664.8% y/y. Copper followed suit; however, support at \$7,235/t capped the downside losses to close at \$7,277.50/t. Nickel fluctuated as it remained broadly unchanged on the day at \$20,596/t. Lead and zinc performance diverged as the metals closed at \$1,986.50/t and \$2,948.50/t, respectively.

After a volatile run today, oil futures slumped back below \$100/t; earlier today, the futures posted the biggest

advance since May. Natural gas prices continue to climb as the European Commission doesn't expect Russia to restart a key natural gas pipeline this week. According to IMF, a cut-off in Russian natural gas supplies could result in a hit of 2.65% to the EU's economy. Both gold and silver gained footing to trade at \$1,712/oz and \$18.81/oz, respectively.

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	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2431	2435	2385	2389	2427	11502	590079	-15.75	108.39
Copper	7371	7390	7220	7277.5	7385	14487	239086	-22.00	331.44
Lead	1983	1990	1944	1986.5	1978	3520	90685	6.75	89.81
Nickel	20300	21450	20005	20596	20560	2350	160531	-47.50	949.38
Tin	24295	24875	23650	24810	24805	263	12734	280.00	1125.37
Zinc	2994	2996	2916	2948.5	2995	7547	205748	84.50	133.70
					Total:	39669	1298863		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2412	2420.5	2456.5	2516.5	2410.19	2426.5	2378.576923	2392.807692	
Copper	7281.5	7305.5	7437	7449	7411	7426.5	7542.076923	7559.923077	
Lead	1972	1961	1946.75	1916.75	2015	1998.5	1953.153846	1940.730769	
Nickel	21350	21380	21110	21377	20604.5	20652	21338.46154	21348.84615	
Tin	24900	24600			24926	24719	25471.53846	25116.92308	
Zinc	3045	2958	2625.25	2420	3091.5	3006	3076.807692	3008.5	

LME Stocks (tonnes)								Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	328500	0	3425	-3425	325075	168775	156300	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	130275	6425	500	5925	136200	22625	113575	JUL 22	334.8 3.51	
Lead	39225	500	0	500	39725	4375	35350	SEP 22	334.6 3.46	
Nickel	62532	0	168	-168	62364	10188	52176	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	3525	0	85	-85	3440	235	3205	22-Jul	0 0.00	
Zinc	74675	0	1425	-1425	73250	47575	25675	22-Aug	56490 2.13	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	13304	2.65	GBP	1.2022	0.5773	Gold	1715.09 0.3434	1723.65 1719.05
DJI	31614	1.74	JPY	137.8800	0.1886	Silver	18.85 0.8172	1887.99988
S&P500	3901	1.84	EUR	1.0237	0.9267	Gold Comex	1713.3 0.181	
SSE	3279	0.04	CNY	6.7442	-0.0148	Platinum	877.85 1.1989	
Hq Senq	20661	-0.89	AUD	0.6901	1.3065	Palladium	1863.51 0.2248	
Brent	106	-0.27	RUB	118.6895	1.4433			

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