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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened lower today. MBA Mortgage Applications, a weekly measure of nationwide home loan requests, fell by 5.7% for the week ending May 24th. Despite the prolonged period of high interest rates deterring many potential homebuyers, the US economy remains robust enough for the Federal Reserve to delay monetary easing until the fourth quarter of 2024. The recent comments from the policymakers highlight the importance of bringing inflation closer to the 2% target level before proceeding with monetary easing. Forward swaps are currently pricing in the first interest rate cut in November. The dollar index rose today, trading just below 105.0, while the 10-year US Treasury yield increased to 4.6%.

Today's trading on the LME exchange was moderately quiet. Copper continued to fluctuate around the \$10,500/t level as the tightness eased in the market, offering investors a clearer view of potential future price outlook. We believe that, although prices are likely to remain high in the medium term due to underlying fundamental factors, we might see a slight correction soon to ease some of the recent market upside that took place in recent months. Lead and zinc followed suit, softening into \$2,319.50/t and \$3,103/t, respectively. Meanwhile, aluminium's price has surged to \$2,767.50/t, hitting a 2-year peak, propelled by the strength in alumina prices.

A stronger dollar and rising Treasury yields created headwinds for gold, causing the precious metal to decline to \$2,342/oz. Silver remained mostly unchanged, hovering around the \$32/oz level. Oil prices fluctuated, with WTI at \$79.5/bbl and Brent crude at \$83.8/bbl.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2732	2778	2724	2767.5	2732	23695	654092	-43.75	125.65
Copper	10540	10604	10387	10456.5	10534	18448	346643	-135.00	473.99
Lead	2337	2357	2302	2319.5	2336	5463	150907	-55.89	104.96
Nickel	20465	20750	20320	20490	20495	4434	204018	-249.28	930.33
Tin	33955	34385	33600	34109	34095	535	19237	-220.00	1545.86
Zinc	3120	3150	3097	3103	3119	8332	241197	-61.72	140.75
<b>Total:</b>						<b>60907</b>	<b>1616094</b>		

#### Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	3M
Aluminium	2695	2741	2839.05	2819.05	2683.56	2729.5	2554.026316	2600.368421
Copper	10294	10430	10515	10468.87	10380.76	10501.5	10142.57895	10256.28947
Lead	2260	2318	2405.27	2421.27	2287.61	2343.5	2219.789474	2268.052632
Nickel	20255	20570	21510.6	22210.6	20217.72	20467	19490.52632	19740
Tin	33955	34100			33724.18	33928	33145.78947	33134.73684
Zinc	3060	3118	3066.41	2816.41	3038.28	3100	2952.105263	2991.342105

#### LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	1121500	1875	3325	-1450	1120050	466475	653575	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	114750	5250	2700	2550	117300	10325	106975	MAY 24	487.55	2.03
Lead	195225	300	5275	-4975	190250	39050	151200	JUL 24	485.5	2.14
Nickel	83730	0	96	-96	83634	4704	78930	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4970	0	30	-30	4940	285	4655	01-Jun	84590	0.08
Zinc	257200	0	3475	-3475	253725	30350	223375	01-Jul	84910	0.19

#### Global Markets

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix				
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM			
DAX	18477	-1.08	GBP	1.2709	-0.4153	Gold	2338.54	-0.9643	2344.7	2350.65
DJI	38510	-0.88	JPY	157.5600	-0.2475	Silver	32.01	-0.2903		3155.5
S&P500	5270	-0.67	EUR	1.0811	-0.4237	Gold Comex	2361.2	-0.761		
SSE	3111	0.05	CNY	7.2495	-0.0703	Platinum	1040.63	-2.1882		
Hg Seng	18477	-1.83	AUD	0.6617	-0.4962	Palladium	963.32	-2.2348		
Brent	84	-0.62	CAD	1.3706	-0.4378					

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