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# Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened lower today following GDP data from the world's largest economy, which indicated slower growth in the first quarter than previously estimated. The US economy expanded at an annualized rate of 1.3% from January through March, down from the initial estimate of 1.6% and significantly slower than the 3.4% pace in the final quarter of 2023. Markets are now awaiting the release of the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) index tomorrow, which will provide crucial insights into living expenses and consumer spending in the US. This information is pivotal for investors as they assess the Fed's next moves in monetary policy. Both the 10-year US Treasury yield and the dollar index retreated from yesterday's gains, trading at 4.55% and 105.7, respectively. Elsewhere, the unemployment rate in the Eurozone decreased in April, with the latest reading at 6.4% YoY, hitting record low.

Base metals corrected today, falling from the recent highs reached yesterday. We suspect that with recent market tightness alongside an extended period of upside pressures, the price disconnect with the fundamental picture widened, creating an opportunity for an overdue correction. This is particularly true for aluminium and copper, which have continued to gain ground on the back of strong speculative appetite. We believe further softness may be necessary to bring metals prices back to their fair value. In the meantime, copper is trading below the robust trend support to close at \$10,135/t; aluminium dropped from a 2-year high back to \$2,794/t. The rest of the complex followed suit, indicating that the market's movements are more collective than based on individual metal fundamentals. Lead and zinc closed at \$2,277/t and \$3,071.50/t at the time of writing.

Gold recouped some of yesterday's losses, standing at \$2,345/oz, while silver dropped to \$31.4/oz. Oil prices softened, with WTI at \$79/bbl and Brent crude at \$83.2/bbl.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	2788	2799	2665	2703.5	2794	30864	652624	-46.66	122.65
Copper	10422	10456	10059	10135	10475	33379	346206	-130.00	460.54
Lead	2312	2321	2273	2277	2317	5042	152777	-60.72	103.37
Nickel	20415	20480	19930	20063	20515	5179	206131	-255.12	910.60
Tin	34145	34145	33065	33111	34085	437	19422	-245.00	1510.48
Zinc	3110	3118	3035	3071.5	3112	10434	245031	-58.47	139.39
					<b>Total:</b>	<b>85335</b>	<b>1622191</b>		

Official Prices						Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2665.5	2710.5	2818.86	2818.86	2721.1	2767.5	2559.6	2605.875	
Copper	10016.5	10144	10330	10469	10326.27	10456.5	10136.275	10250.675	
Lead	2224.5	2284	2388.01	2404.01	2258.78	2319.5	2220.025	2268.85	
Nickel	19770	20085	21087.67	21762.67	20214.98	20490	19504.5	19757.25	
Tin	33150	33300			33889	34109	33146	33143	
Zinc	2985	3042.5	3048.34	2828.34	3041.14	3103	2953.75	2993.9	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	1120050	0	0	0	1120050	500475	619575	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	117300	2000	1175	825	118125	9250	108875	MAY 24	480.55	
Lead	190250	0	1975	-1975	188275	37075	151200	JUL 24	479.1	
Nickel	83634	0	0	0	83634	4704	78930	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4940	0	0	0	4940	285	4655	01-Jun	83350	
Zinc	253725	0	1950	-1950	251775	29050	222725	01-Jul	83820	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
Last	% Change	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM		
DAX	18497	0.13	GBP	1.2737	0.2834	Gold	2344.09	0.2553	2340.9
DJI	38086	-0.92	JPY	156.6400	0.6384	Silver	31.36	-1.9302	3201
S&P500	5242	-0.48	EUR	1.0836	0.3240	Gold Comex	2365.4	0.055	
SSE	3092	-0.62	CNY	7.2312	0.2489	Platinum	1036.15	-0.3788	
Hg Seng	18230	-1.34	AUD	0.6641	0.4690	Palladium	957.65	-0.2313	
Brent	83	-1.06	CAD	1.3670	0.3511				

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