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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks opened lower today, pulling back from the record highs achieved yesterday. Recent economic data indicating continued resilience in the US economy has cast doubt on the likelihood of three rate cuts in 2024, as previously expected. The two-day Federal Reserve policy meeting is anticipated to conclude with borrowing costs remaining unchanged. This week, investors will be closely monitoring for any indications of when rate cuts might begin, with September and November being key periods of interest. The 10-year Treasury yield remained mostly steady at 4.45%, while the dollar index increased to 105.5.

Today, the base metals market showed a slight softening, hinting that the bearish momentum might be losing steam. Notably, copper prices bounced back after briefly dipping below the \$9,745/t mark. Likewise, nickel and zinc held ground, staying above their previous day's lows at \$17,900/t and \$2,772/t, respectively. Aluminium experienced a modest decline, following previous copper softness, especially after it failed to cross the \$2,600/t threshold last week. On the other hand, lead was the exception as it continued on a downward trend, which we believe is due to it being overvalued above the \$2,250/t level from a fundamental standpoint.

Gold appreciated today, reaching \$2,315/oz, while silver edged lower to \$29.18/oz. Oil prices remained relatively stable, with WTI and Brent crude trading at \$77.4/bbl and \$81.4/bbl, respectively.

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	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	C-3M	USc/lb	
Aluminium	2576	2589	2529	2533.5	2582	22840	654695	-61.00	115.24	
Copper	9884	9941	9680	9759	9881	24409	332027	-129.00	442.94	
Lead	2213	2222	2158	2156	2209	6911	147348	-58.48	97.91	
Nickel	18100	18245	17760	17818	18090	7321	198754	-254.13	811.26	
Tin	32180	32250	31725	31913	32100	392	19252	-277.50	1451.06	
Zinc	2845	2863	2767	2771	2851	15660	234746	-61.87	125.69	
					Total:	77533	1586822			
Official Prices								Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2		PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2475	2534	2685.49	2714.74		2509.56	2572	2565.857143	2617	
Copper	9567	9700	10028.05	9974.05		9765.86	9899	9806.357143	9930.857143	
Lead	2122.5	2180	2272.37	2288.37		2148.52	2207	2174.642857	2229.142857	
Nickel	17650	17855	18883.9492	19562.94922		17645.94	17891	18304.28571	18560.71429	
Tin	31750	32000				31696	32001	31918.57143	32174.28571	
Zinc	2727	2770.5	2794.75	2665.75		2788.63	2850.5	2826.214286	2880.642857	
LME Stocks	(tonnes)							Other Copper	Markets	
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	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	warrants	Open Tonnage		Last	% Change
Aluminium	1100000	0	3750	-3750	1096250	518950	577300	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	125325	2200	200	2000	127325	5125	122200	JUL 24	454.35	1.34
Lead	187575	3825	2775	1050	188625	31875	156750	SEP 24	454.4	1.29
Nickel	85578	72	0	72	85650	4182	81468	Shanghai, CNY	mt	
Tin	4795	25	0	25	4820	335	4485	01-Jun	0	0.00
Zinc	259950	0	600	-600	259350	30050	229300	01-Jul	0	0.00
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Last	% Chan	ge		Last	% Change	9	Last	% Change	AM	PM
DAX	18370	-0.68	GBP	1.2722	-0.0707	Gold	2311.16	0.0121	2297.65	2304.40
DJI	38645	-0.57	JPY	157.3400	-0.1907	Silver	29.11	-2.1388		2968
S&P500	5349	-0.21	EUR	1.0732	-0.3065	Gold Comex	2328.3	0.056		
SSE	3028	-0.76	CNY	7.2544	-0.0910	Platinum	953.95	-2.1248		
Hg Seng	18176	-1.04	AUD	0.6597	-0.1967	Palladium	892.07	-2.0908		
Brent	82	0.58	CAD	1 3768	-0.0654					

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