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Daily Base Metals Report

US stocks remained elevated this morning, testing new highs, with little impact from the political events over the weekend. Markets will be paying attention to the start of the Q2 earnings season, and so far, banking results have underperformed. Still, there are a few signs that equities have exhausted their upside, and we might see some moderate strength in the coming days. This week, a couple of economic data are released from the UK, Europe, and the US. However, they are unlikely to impact the market significantly. Volatility across the board is likely to remain low. The dollar found support at 104 today.

Economic data from China over the weekend pointed to further softness in the nation's performance. China's GDP grew at 4.7% YoY, which is the slowest pace of growth in five quarters and falls below expectations. Although industrial output continued to grow strongly, retail sales, representing the nation's consumer segment, only grew at a slower-than-expected rate of 2.0%. While this data might indicate continued growth in the manufacturing sector, domestic home prices extended their decline, underlining continued weakness in the construction sector. Despite this weakening data, the base metals complex did not react to this news. Copper remained broadly unchanged at \$9,806/t, and lead and zinc held their nerve. Aluminium, on the other hand, weakened below the robust support of \$2,470/t on the back of continued supply expansion from China, creating less incentive on the upside. Nickel remained below the \$17,000/t level at \$16,701/t.

Oil futures remained flat, while gold and silver strengthened to \$2,434/oz and \$30.93/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2481	2488	2465	2461.5	2475	14926	639281	-65.07	112.74
Copper	9792	9883	9709	9806	9778	20247	327059	-147.74	448.02
Lead	2196	2213	2174	2188	2197	4548	141542	-60.85	100.15
Nickel	16875	17000	16770	16701	16830	4720	202865	-278.15	764.31
Tin	34245	34285	33590	33246	34305	820	20028	-180.00	1526.35
Zinc	2955	2957	2911	2955	2952	7625	235552	-58.38	133.45
					Total:	52886	1566327		

Official Prices

	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Monthly Avg	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2422	2484	2639.43	2710.43	2412.84	2476.5		2468.85	2520.75
Copper	9673	9821.5	10105.78	10215.78	9627.95	9786.5		9685.45	9840.3
Lead	2129	2182	2283.21	2297.21	2137.15	2198		2167.55	2214.4
Nickel	16625	16950	18047	18867	16533.2	16809		16975.5	17253
Tin	33950	33955			34551	34666		33888.5	33905.5
Zinc	2870	2930	2985.2	2873.2	2899.49	2959		2904.35	2965.35

LME Stocks (tonnes)

	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Other Copper Markets	Last	% Change
Aluminium	982000	0	5275	-5275	976725	530750	445975	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	206775	975	1525	-550	206225	15725	190500	JUL 24	450.85	-2.15
Lead	213200	0	1725	-1725	211475	19400	192075	SEP 24	450.65	-2.21
Nickel	98382	240	96	144	98526	5772	92754	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4440	0	0	0	4440	195	4245	01-Jul	78910	-1.00
Zinc	253300	0	2175	-2175	251125	36875	214250	01-Aug	79210	-1.00

Global Markets

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	18748	1.15	GBP	1.2985	0.5420	Gold	2411.02	-0.1846	2383.55
DJI	40085	0.83	JPY	158.0800	0.4808	Silver	30.91	-1.7687	3101.5
S&P500	5634	0.88	EUR	1.0904	0.3312	Gold Comex	2415.9	-0.248	
SSE	2971	0.03	CNY	7.2494	0.1173	Platinum	1000.24	-0.7048	
Hq Seng	18293	2.59	AUD	0.6789	0.4439	Palladium	976.75	-1.978	
Brent	85	0.07	CAD	1.3617	0.1102				

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