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Daily Base Metals Report

US markets opened flat, not responding to the consequences of the mass IT outage that gripped businesses today. However, as markets end a turbulent week, US investors are focussing on the tech earnings results season, which spurred calls for a recent equity consolidation. All eyes will be on the Fed, as markets are increasing their bets for a September cut, which is traditionally bullish for riskier assets. We believe that markets are biased for US weakness, and any signs of softer inflation or labour prints could prompt investors to double down on softer interest rates speculation. The dollar remained broadly unchanged as the 10-year US Treasury yield jumped back above 4.2% to 4.23%.

Base metals continued to soften today. However, the downside momentum is seen slowing as markets are testing new support levels. In particular, copper tested the support at \$9,300/t, closing at \$9,310/t, which is in line with yesterday's lows. Aluminium was weaker, falling for the 5th consecutive day to \$2,351.50/t. Lead and zinc were also lower. Tin gapped lower on the open; however, prices struggled below the \$31,000/t level, and the metal came back to \$31,050/t.

Oil hovered in tight ranges. Precious metals sold off today, despite a potential for a flight to quality, as markets questioned this week's rally, prompting gold and silver to weaken to \$2,400/oz and \$29.20/oz, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads C-3M	Conversion USc/lb
Aluminium	2382	2386	2350	2351.5	2386	20663	601602	-56.81	106.78
Copper	9355	9422	9306	9310	9371	23859	306104	-107.00	422.32
Lead	2153	2159	2131	2128	2155	7743	139834	-38.50	96.80
Nickel	16450	16480	16235	16256	16425	5037	199395	-270.50	738.68
Tin	31575	31705	30080	31050	31575	1245	18436	-205.00	1410.69
Zinc	2810	2816	2769	2776.5	2809	10169	223197	-59.82	125.74
					Total:	68716	1488568		

Official Prices						Monthly Avg			
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2312	2368	2514.77	2599.77	2326.24	2385	2431.966667	2486.366667	
Copper	9214	9344	9661	9816	9254.9	9386	9612.566667	9764.733333	
Lead	2100	2146	2260.77	2280.77	2127.54	2157	2160.233333	2204.2	
Nickel	16105	16360	17435	18275	16150.11	16423	16752.66667	17030.66667	
Tin	30695	30850			31389.02	31604	33408.66667	33462.33333	
Zinc	2717	2780	2836.54	2762.04	2748.83	2809	2872.1	2933.533333	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	963825	0	3750	-3750	960075	553050	407025	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	227425	5050	1050	4000	231425	14575	216850	JUL 24	426.6	
Lead	208425	0	275	-275	208150	52700	155450	SEP 24	427.95	
Nickel	101820	720	0	720	102540	5838	96702	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4505	55	0	55	4560	50	4510	01-Aug	76780	
Zinc	242600	0	2325	-2325	240275	29100	211175	01-Sep	76930	

Global Markets			Currencies		Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix	
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	18172	-1.00	GBP	1.2919	-0.1931	Gold	2405.61	-1.6143	2466.95
DJI	40281	-0.94	JPY	157.4300	-0.0381	Silver	29.23	-2.026	3047
S&P500	5511	-0.61	EUR	1.0888	-0.0826	Gold Comex	2407.5	-1.991	
SSE	2982	0.17	CNY	7.2696	-0.1032	Platinum	967.15	-0.5072	
Hq Seng	17418	-2.03	AUD	0.6691	-0.2237	Palladium	916.75	-1.5412	
Brent	84	-1.48	CAD	1.3730	-0.1748				

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