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Daily Base Metals Report

US equities rose at the open, hovering near record highs. As initial enthusiasm around China's fiscal stimulus faded, investors shifted back to the US dollar, attracted by the relative strength of the world's largest economy, which remains the safe-haven investment of choice. The dollar index climbed for the eighth consecutive day, approaching the 103 mark—levels last seen in mid-August. Market sentiment has steadily adjusted, with expectations for the pace of monetary easing becoming more cautious. All eyes are on tomorrow's CPI report, which is anticipated to show inflation cooling. Despite this, the 10-year US Treasury yield edged higher, trading above 4%, suggesting that markets are still pricing in potential upside risks to inflation or rate expectations.

The base metals complex weakened once again today as markets continued to digest the news of the lower-than-expected Chinese stimulus announcement. This also follows the mean-reversion trend that metals exhibited for most of this year. Copper continued to soften, falling into the support of \$9,600/t. Aluminium followed suit, testing the \$2,500/t level but hesitating below it and coming back to \$2,541/t. Other metals also witnessed moderate losses.

The strong dollar and rising Treasury yields continued to weigh on precious metals. Gold dropped again, trading at \$2,616.2/oz, while silver remained mostly flat after yesterday's decline to \$30.6/oz. Oil prices also retreated, with WTI and Brent crude at \$73.1/bbl and \$76.5/bbl, respectively.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	Spreads	Conversion
								C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2572	2579	2505	2541	2570	20928	646692	-16.25	115.24
Copper	9780	9855	9607	9675	9758	21157	296848	-147.00	438.72
Lead	2098	2110	2048	2062	2106	5490	147215	-48.00	93.96
Nickel	17685	17880	17315	17371	17760	6527	209427	-265.59	788.58
Tin	32835	33150	32365	32485	32905	577	20978	-174.01	1478.73
Zinc	3083	3110	2978	3020	3077	13850	260508	-26.00	137.03
					Total:	68529	1581668		

Official Prices							Monthly Avg		
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M	
Aluminium	2530	2541	2658.5	2742.69	2554.75	2571	2616.642857	2622.357143	
Copper	9550	9690	10051.53	10196.53	9594.57	9742.5	9739.857143	9886.571429	
Lead	2021	2070	2218.43	2271.79	2054.13	2103	2078.642857	2126.571429	
Nickel	17275	17575	18106	18746	17517.67	17776	17591.42857	17865.71429	
Tin	32600	32650			32791	32867	33616.42857	33608.57143	
Zinc	3001	3029	3085.62	2892.62	3065.27	3091	3108.142857	3133.785714	

LME Stocks (tonnes)							Other Copper Markets			
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change	
Aluminium	777775	0	2500	-2500	775275	376525	398750	Comex, USc/lb		
Copper	296275	0	1450	-1450	294825	29175	265650	DEC 24	445.65	
Lead	198425	0	1600	-1600	196825	10575	186250	MAR 25	450	
Nickel	131850	528	6	522	132372	8772	123600	Shanghai, CNY/mt		
Tin	4505	25	25	0	4505	700	3805	01-Oct	77670	
Zinc	242400	1800	175	1625	244025	25600	218425	01-Nov	77610	

Global Markets		Currencies		Precious Metals		Previous Day's Fix			
Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	19255	0.99	GBP	1.3082	-0.1679	Gold	2615.16	-0.2544	2639.55
DJI	42393	0.74	JPY	149.2300	-0.6902	Silver	30.63	-0.134	3128
S&P500	5778	0.47	EUR	1.0952	-0.2550	Gold Comex	2633.5	-0.072	
SSE	3259	-6.62	CNY	7.0803	-0.2401	Platinum	955.28	-0.2943	
Hq Senq	20637	-1.38	AUD	0.6724	-0.2966	Palladium	1047.94	2.3609	
Brent	77	-0.56	CAD	1.3683	-0.2631				

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