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Daily Base Metals Report

US stock markets opened higher today, boosted by Netflix's record surge and optimism about Trump's policies aimed at boosting AI. The administration also announced plans to impose a 10% tariff on imports starting next month, a lower rate than many had anticipated. However, with the details still uncertain, markets remain cautious, as there is growing speculation that Trump may be using tariffs as a negotiation tool rather than a definitive policy measure. This uncertainty has contributed to increased market volatility. The 10-year US Treasury yield edged higher, trading just below 4.6%, while the dollar index appreciated against major currencies, including the yen. However, despite its strength, the dollar struggled to break above the 108.2 level, reflecting a mixed sentiment.

A moderate risk-off sentiment emerged in the base metals market despite Trump's intention to implement a 10% tariff on Chinese imports in over a week. This figure is already lower than the previously anticipated 60%, and there is little clarity as to whether these tariffs will be enacted on time. Meanwhile, base metals and iron ore did not respond to the news and instead continued to revert to their averages. Aluminium continued to erase recent gains, falling below \$2,650/t to \$2,635/t. Copper softened but held firmly above the \$9,200/t mark. Nickel sold off, as protracted selling pressure to \$15,705/t. Lead and zinc held steadily.

Trump's unpredictability has added fresh momentum to gold, which surged to 2,757.8/oz. Now that gold has broken out of its recent range, the metal appears set to challenge record highs again. However, silver showed a more muted performance, edging slightly lower to 30.7/oz. Oil prices remained largely flat, with WTI trading at 75.6/bbl and Brent crude at 79.1/bbl.

	Open	High	Low	5pm Close	PDC	Volume	Total O.I	C-3M	USc/lb
Aluminium	2651	2653	2609	2634.0	2652	15699	679422	-20.17	119.52
Copper	9284	9284	9200	9223.5	9291	13042	295353	-117.00	418.38
Lead	1969	1985	1959	1967.0	1969	5198	146062	-35.30	89.00
Nickel	16080	16080	15675	15718.0	16045	6351	221259	-218.80	712.60
Tin	30180	30355	30065	30272.0	30335	526	19130	-187.00	1373.26
Zinc	2916	2922	2883	2900.0	2911	8112	219740	-44.00	131.43
					Total:	48928	1580966		

Official Prices

							Monthly Avg	
	Cash	3m	Dec Yr 1	Dec Yr 2	PD Cash	PD 3M	Cash	3M
Aluminium	2611	2627	2675	2687	2628.18	2646	2560.633333	2580.3
Copper	9123	9244	9612.17	9677.17	9168.88	9284.5	8965.7	9079.766667
Lead	1943	1981	2094.66	2152.66	1935.7	1971	1922.266667	1953.933333
Nickel	15580	15800	17087.6602	17852.66016	15853.07	16078	15409.33333	15632.33333
Tin	30035	30250			30048	30233	29485.66667	29674
Zinc	2851.5	2899	2893.59	2813.59	2869.5	2914	2852.6	2891.766667

LME Stocks (tonnes)

							Other Copper Markets		
	Opening	In	Out	Net Change	Closing	C-warrants	Open Tonnage	Last	% Change
Aluminium	604275	0	4100	-4100	600175	356375	243800	Comex, USc/lb	
Copper	260525	0	125	-125	260400	27200	233200	MAR 25	434.1
Lead	231225	500	2300	-1800	229425	17000	212425	MAY 25	437.55
Nickel	170214	2088	96	1992	172206	11958	160248	Shanghai, CNY/mt	
Tin	4635	85	50	35	4670	420	4250	01-Feb	75430
Zinc	195125	0	2175	-2175	192950	50425	142525	01-Mar	75550

Global Markets

	Currencies				Precious Metals			Previous Day's Fix		
	Last	% Change		Last	% Change	Last	% Change	AM	PM	
DAX	21254	1.01	GBP	1.2323	-0.2186	Gold	2758.62	0.5031	2721.4	2737.80
DJI	44147	0.27	JPY	156.5800	-0.6770	Silver	30.73	-0.1553		3048.5
S&P500	6097	0.79	EUR	1.0421	-0.0671	Gold Comex	2770.4	0.406		
SSE	3214	-0.89	CNY	7.2738	-0.1127	Platinum	953.25	0.6472		
Hg Seng	19779	-1.63	AUD	0.6274	0.0000	Palladium	988.32	2.6421		
Brent	79	-0.23	CAD	1.4366	-0.3063					

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