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Daily Base Metals Report

Markets Navigate Nvidia Earnings and Trade Tensions

Summary

- Nvidia's strong earnings report fuelled optimism, but trade tensions escalated as new US tariff were confirmed.
- Base metals saw mixed movements, with copper struggling near resistance.
- A stronger dollar pressured gold and silver.

US stock market performance was mixed as investors reacted to Nvidia's latest earnings report. The AI chipmaker posted record revenue of \$39.3 billion for Q4 2024, surpassing expectations, with data centre sales driving strong growth. Meanwhile, trade tensions escalated after President Trump confirmed that the delayed 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada will take effect on March 4. He also announced an additional 10% levy on Chinese imports, adding to existing tariffs. The dollar strengthened, with the dollar index rising above 107, while the 10-year Treasury yield held steady just below 4.3%.

Base metals saw a mixed session today, with divergence across the complex. LME copper slipped to \$9,392/t, struggling to hold above the \$9,400/t level as resistance capped further upside. Tin was the worst performer of the day, falling sharply to \$31,640/t, with selling pressure accelerating after failing to sustain recent gains. Nickel, however, saw a strong rebound, climbing to \$15,835/t. Aluminium held steady, edging slightly higher to \$2,634/t, while lead remained mostly unchanged at \$2,009.50/t. Zinc closed flat at \$2,812/t, staying within its recent consolidation range, as the market awaited fresh catalysts to break the current stagnation.

A stronger dollar weighed on gold, pushing it down to \$2,874/oz, while silver followed, slipping to \$31.4/oz. Oil prices edged higher, with WTI at \$70.0/bbl and Brent at \$74.0/bbl.

All price data is from 27.02.2025 as of 17:30

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