

Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.644	2.67	0.98
LME Copper	5964.25	6025	1.02
LME Aluminium	2074	2091.5	0.84
LME Zinc	2465.75	2511.25	1.85
LME Lead	2059.75	2085.25	1.24
LME Nickel	13240	13345	0.79
MCX Copper	410.75	414.5	0.91
MCX Aluminium	144.5	145.6	0.76
MCX Zinc	174.25	177.1	1.64
MCX Lead	144.15	146.65	1.73
MCX Nickel	925.6	933	0.80

Base Metal Related News

Base Metals closed mostly higher as dollar continues to provide support to the complex and ahead of trade talks between US-China led the prices higher.

U.S. and Chinese officials ended two days of talks on Thursday with no major breakthrough as their trade war escalated with activation of another round of dueling tariffs on \$16 billion worth of each country's goods.

Chinese officials had raised the possibility that no further negotiations could happen until after November's mid-term elections in the U.S.

The aluminium market has been thrust into a period of uncertainty that has become a feature of the trade in recent months because of tariffs and sanctions, a situation that seems unlikely to change, the head of Norwegian producer Norsk Hydro said

Cancelled Warrants of Copper rose 19000 tonnes, Aluminium increased by 15250 tonnes and Zinc increased by 27375 tonnes signals buying in the metal complex.

LME Inventory

Commodity	LME Stock		Shanghai Stock		Change in Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME Stocks
	Stock	Change	Stock	Change		
Copper	267075	125	155076	-16031	19000	38.47
Aluminium	1095125	-4850	899083	-10770	15250	23.36
Zinc	247400	-1175	34930	-14313	27375	25.10
Lead	126725	175	18697	2657	750	50.88
Nickel	242604	-948	18104	-740	-834	25.12

Base Metal Outlook

International Base metal prices trading higher today. We expect prices to trade higher for the day as no major trade talks from the US-China low level trade talks led to stall in sell-off of prices. Tight environmental inspections as well as limited growth in raw material supplies and low inventory level are supporting prices. One can maintain buy in Copper, Zinc and Aluminium for the day. During the evening session, we have US Fed Powell and Jackson Hole meeting for the week.

Important Events For The Week					
Cur			Actual	Forecast	Previous
20-Aug					
8:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Bostic Speaks			
9:30pm	EUR	German Buba President Weidmann Speaks			
21-Aug					
No Data					
22-Aug					
7:30pm	USD	Existing Home Sales	5.34M	5.44M	5.38M
8:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	-5.8M	-1.4M	6.8M
11:30pm	USD	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
23-Aug					
1:30pm	EUR	Flash Manufacturing PMI	54.6	55.1	55.1
	EUR	Flash Services PMI	54.4	54.4	54.2
5:00pm	EUR	ECB Monetary Policy Meeting Accounts			
6:00pm	USD	Unemployment Claims	210K	215K	212K
7:15pm	USD	Flash Manufacturing PMI	54.5	55.1	55.3
	USD	Flash Services PMI	55.2	55.9	56
7:30pm	EUR	Consumer Confidence	-2	-1	-1
	USD	New Home Sales	627K	651K	631K
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage	48B	47B	33B
Day 1	All	Jackson Hole Symposium			
Events For Today					
6:00pm	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m		0.50%	0.20%
	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m		-0.30%	0.80%
7:30pm	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			
Day 2	All	Jackson Hole Symposium			
25-Aug					
Day 3	All	Jackson Hole Symposium			

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