

### Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.414	2.407	-0.29
LME Copper	5374.5	5343.5	-0.58
LME Aluminium	1538.5	1536.25	-0.15
LME Zinc	1940.5	1960.25	1.02
LME Lead	1635.5	1631.25	-0.26
LME Nickel	12240	12242	0.02
MCX Copper	415.75	413.25	-0.60
MCX Aluminium	132	131.7	-0.23
MCX Zinc	157.95	157.85	-0.06
MCX Lead	132.3	132.2	-0.08
MCX Nickel	930.3	927.4	-0.31

### Base Metal Related News

Base metal prices were mixed as traders braced for an upcoming news conference on US-China relations from US President Donald Trump with geopolitical tensions still weighing on the complex

US President Donald Trump said he would give a news conference Friday regarding China, knocking US stocks down from solid gains.

Falling inventories and high spot premiums underpin SHFE aluminium prices, but concerns over the ramp-up of new capacity and uncertainties over the sustainability of consumption robustness are growing.

The US dollar fell to a two-month trough against a basket of currencies as risk appetite improved with a massive EU stimulus plan and fresh US unemployment data offsetting concerns over rising US-China tensions.

Peruvian copper and gold mining projects could return to full swing in the third quarter 2020 after a national lockdown led to significant disruptions and a sharp drop in export earnings

The US was reportedly considering sanctions on Chinese firms and officials over the situation in Hong Kong. Pompeo said he had certified that Hong Kong no longer warrants special treatment under US law.

### LME Inventory (28/05/2020)

Commodity	LME Stock		Shanghai Stock		Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME Stocks
	Stock	Change	Stock	Change		
Copper	264125	-2625	144988	-30837	14425	34.83
Aluminium	1513389	7825	296305	-25755	-4600	11.12
Zinc	74400	-1900	107445	-3844	-1150	5.81
Lead	74451	0	8622	1221	25	20.79
Nickel	234345	-324	25461	312	12	16.20

### Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading lower today. We expect prices to trade negative as China's proposals for new security laws in Hong Kong, led to a further deterioration in the relationship between the US and China along with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbating the global economic uncertainties. US President Trump is to speak at a news conference today over China's COVID-19 measures and in response to its legislation over HongKong

Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
<b>26-May</b>					
11:30am	EUR	German GfK Consumer Climate	-18.9	-19.1	-23.4
6:30pm	EUR	ECB Financial Stability Review			
	USD	HPI m/m	0.10%	0.60%	0.70%
	USD	S&P/CS Composite-20 HPI y/y	3.90%	3.40%	3.50%
7:30pm	USD	CB Consumer Confidence	86.6	87.1	86.9
	USD	New Home Sales	623K	492K	627K
10:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Kashkari Speaks			
<b>27-May</b>					
1:00pm	EUR	ECB President Lagarde Speaks			
7:30pm	USD	Richmond Manufacturing Index	-27	-40	-53
11:30pm	USD	Beige Book			
<b>28-May</b>					
All Day	EUR	German Prelim CPI m/m	-0.10%	0.10%	0.40%
6:00pm	USD	Prelim GDP q/q	-5.00%	-4.80%	-4.80%
	USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	-7.40%	-14.20%	-0.40%
	USD	Durable Goods Orders m/m	-17.20%	-17.90%	-14.70%
	USD	Unemployment Claims	2123K	2100K	2438K
	USD	Prelim GDP Price Index q/q	1.40%	1.30%	1.30%
7:30pm	USD	Pending Home Sales m/m	-21.80%	-15.00%	-20.80%
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage	109B	113B	81B
8:30pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	7.9M	-2.5M	-5.0M
	USD	FOMC Member Williams Speaks			
<b>29-May</b>					
	EUR	German Retail Sales m/m	-5.30%	-10.00%	-5.60%
1:30pm	EUR	M3 Money Supply y/y	8.30%	7.80%	7.50%
	EUR	Private Loans y/y	3.00%	3.50%	3.40%
2:30pm	EUR	CPI Flash Estimate y/y		0.10%	0.30%
	EUR	Core CPI Flash Estimate y/y		0.80%	0.90%
6:00pm	USD	Core PCE Price Index m/m		-0.30%	-0.10%
	USD	Personal Spending m/m		-12.60%	-7.50%
	USD	Goods Trade Balance		-64.1B	-64.2B
	USD	Personal Income m/m		-7.00%	-2.00%
	USD	Prelim Wholesale Inventories m/m		-0.50%	-0.80%
7:15pm	USD	Chicago PMI		40.1	35.4
7:30pm	USD	Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment		73.7	73.7
	USD	Revised UoM Inflation Expectations			3.00%
8:30pm	USD	Fed Chair Powell Speaks			

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