

Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.7925	2.8447	1.87
LME Copper	6236	6351	1.84
LME Aluminium	1757.75	1765.5	0.44
LME Zinc	2386.5	2389	0.10
LME Lead	1914.75	1904.25	-0.55
LME Nickel	14355	14320	-0.24
MCX Copper	502.05	507.2	1.03
MCX Aluminium	145.05	145.5	0.31
MCX Zinc	189.3	189.15	-0.08
MCX Lead	151.9	151.75	-0.10
MCX Nickel	1095	1090.7	-0.39

Base Metal Related News

Base metals fell as traders were wary of a fresh flare up in Sino-U.S. tensions and on considerable uncertainty on whether U.S. policymakers could approve fresh stimulus aid.

U.S. President Donald Trump signed two executive orders banning WeChat, owned by Chinese tech giant Tencent, and TikTok in 45 days' time while announcing sanctions on 11 Chinese and Hong Kong officials.

Canada will slap retaliatory tariffs on C\$3.6 billion (\$2.69 billion) worth of U.S. aluminum products.

China's July new bank loans could fall from June but still likely to be higher on-year.

Talks of another U.S. stimulus bill to support the world's biggest economy fell apart on Friday. However, hopes grew on Sunday as talks resume on a new support package.

The nickel sulfate price in China extended gains for a third straight week on Friday August 7, with the market rising by 11.3% since the start of July.

LME Inventory

Commodity	LME Stock		Shanghai Stock		Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME
	Change		Change			Stocks
Copper	114375	-3575	173418	12942	72025	62.97
Aluminium	1621400	-5450	274828	7087	257775	15.90
Zinc	197750	575	84499	-3848	16725	8.46
Lead	117950	-75	19378	-716	15625	13.25
Nickel	235896	-384	28554	546	56238	23.84

Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading mixed today. We expect prices to trade sideways to positive on renewed expectation of US stimulus package after the talks stalled on major differences between Democrats and the White House. Any uncertainty over future stimulus will cast shadow over future consumptions of metals.

Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
10-Aug					
All Day	JPY	Bank Holiday			
7:00am	CNY	CPI y/y	2.70%	2.60%	2.50%
	CNY	PPI y/y	-2.40%	-2.50%	-3.00%
2:00pm	EUR	Sentix Investor Confidence		-16	-18.2
7:30pm	USD	JOLTS Job Openings		5.30M	5.40M
11-Aug					
11th-18th	CNY	Foreign Direct Investment ytd/y			-1.30%
2:30pm	EUR	ZEW Economic Sentiment		55.3	59.6
	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment		55	59.3
11th-15th	CNY	M2 Money Supply y/y		11.10%	11.10%
11th-15th	CNY	New Loans		1200B	1810B
3:30pm	USD	NFIB Small Business Index		101.7	100.6
	USD	PPI m/m		0.30%	-0.20%
12-Aug					
11:30am	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q		-20.50%	-2.00%
	GBP	GDP m/m		8.10%	1.80%
	GBP	Industrial Production m/m		9.90%	6.00%
2:30pm	EUR	Industrial Production m/m		10.10%	12.40%
	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.20%	0.20%
8:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories			-7.4M
8:30pm	USD	FOMC Member Kaplan Speaks			
10:31pm	USD	10-y Bond Auction			0.65 2.6
11:30pm	USD	Federal Budget Balance			-864.1B
13-Aug					
5:20am	JPY	PPI y/y		-1.10%	-1.60%
11:30am	EUR	German Final CPI m/m		-0.50%	-0.50%
6:00pm	USD	Unemployment Claims		1200K	1186K
	USD	Import Prices m/m		0.60%	1.40%
8:00pm	USD	Natural Gas Storage			33B
10:31pm	USD	30-y Bond Auction			1.33 2.5
14-Aug					
7:30am	CNY	Fixed Asset Investment ytd/y		-1.60%	-3.10%
	CNY	Industrial Production y/y		5.10%	4.80%
	CNY	Retail Sales y/y		0.10%	-1.80%
	CNY	Unemployment Rate		5.70%	5.70%
2:30pm	EUR	Flash Employment Change q/q			-0.20%
	EUR	Flash GDP q/q		-12.10%	-12.10%
	EUR	Trade Balance		18.0B	8.0B
6:00pm	USD	Core Retail Sales m/m			7.30%
	USD	Retail Sales m/m			7.50%
	USD	Industrial Production m/m			5.40%
7:30pm	USD	Prelim UoM Consumer Sentiment			72.5
	USD	Business Inventories m/m			-2.30%
	USD	Prelim UoM Inflation Expectations			3.00%

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