

### Base Metals

	Previous	CMP	% Change
Comex Copper	2.8755	2.861	-0.50
LME Copper	6406.75	6370	-0.57
LME Aluminium	1787.5	1784.5	-0.17
LME Zinc	2414	2393	-0.87
LME Lead	1961.25	1960	-0.06
LME Nickel	14342.5	14140	-1.41
MCX Copper	511.2	508	-0.63
MCX Aluminium	146.4	146.4	0.00
MCX Zinc	190.6	188.6	-1.05
MCX Lead	153.7	153.6	-0.07
MCX Nickel	1086	1071	-1.38

### Base Metal Related News

Base metals declined across the board as US dollar firmed amid US-China tensions and a deadlock between Congress and the Trump administration over fiscal stimulus.

A possible Russian coronavirus vaccine and hopes of new US economic stimulus package increased risk appetite, which bolstered zinc prices.

The dollar fell from one-week highs and the euro topped \$1.18 on Tuesday as investors flocked to currencies that benefit from an improving global market outlook, with the S&P 500 nearing a record high and investor sentiment in Germany rising more than expected.

Chinese retail sales of light vehicles increased by 7.9% in July, compared with July 2019, ending a two-year contraction.

Senior US and Chinese officials will meet via teleconference on Saturday to review the implementation of their Phase 1 trade deal and likely air mutual grievances.

United Kingdom's GDP rose by 8.7% in June, compared with May, but it fell by 20.4% in the second quarter compared with the first.

### LME Inventory

Commodity	LME Stock	Change	Shanghai Stock	Change	Canceled Warrants	CW as % of LME
						Stocks
Copper	114575	-50	173418	12942	68250	59.57
Aluminium	1606400	-10775	274828	7087	249375	15.52
Zinc	212750	15075	84499	-3848	16800	7.90
Lead	117800	-125	19378	-716	16725	14.20
Nickel	235890	0	28554	546	55704	23.61

### Base Metal Outlook

Base metals are trading lower today. We expect prices to trade negative as the focus for markets is on key trade talks between top Chinese and U.S. officials this weekend and the stronger dollar, which is another headwind for the metals. The weakness in base metals is amid U.S.-China tensions and a stalemate between Congress and the Trump administration over fiscal stimulus.

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Important Events For The Week					
	Cur		Actual	Forecast	Previous
<b>10-Aug</b>					
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	-13.4	-16	-18.2
7:30pm	USD	JOLTS Job Openings	5.89M	5.30M	5.40M
<b>11-Aug</b>					
11th-18th	CNY	Foreign Direct Investment ytd/y			-1.30%
2:30pm	EUR	ZEW Economic Sentiment	64	55.3	59.6
	EUR	German ZEW Economic Sentiment	71.5	55	59.3
11th-15th	CNY	M2 Money Supply y/y	11.10%	11.10%	11.10%
11th-15th	CNY	New Loans	1200B	1200B	1810B
3:30pm	USD	NFIB Small Business Index	98.8	101.7	100.6
	USD	PPI m/m	0.60%	0.30%	-0.20%
<b>12-Aug</b>					
11:30am	GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	-20.40%	-20.50%	-2.00%
	GBP	GDP m/m	8.70%	8.10%	1.80%
	GBP	Industrial Production m/m	9.30%	9.90%	6.00%
2:30pm	EUR	Industrial Production m/m	9.10%	10.10%	12.40%
	USD	Core CPI m/m		0.20%	0.20%
8:00pm	USD	Crude Oil Inventories		-3.4M	-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		-138.3B	-864.1B
<b>13-Aug</b>					
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
<b>14-Aug</b>					
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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