LEAD REPORT

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Lead prices remained under pressure on demand concerns and Chinese efforts to temper rising base metals prices.

Global Economy

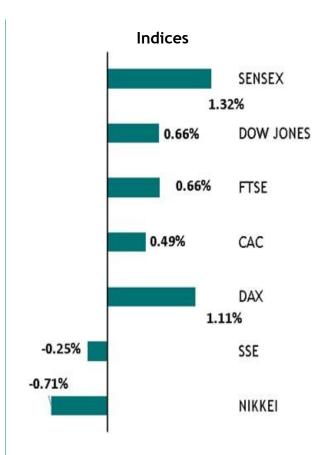
- Global equities were largely on higher side last week, however China's benchmarks SSE composite index closed lower.
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) raised global growth forecast by 5.8% this year and 4.4% next year.
- US Non-Farm payrolls added 559000, which was fall short of expectation gain in May.
- Chinese factory activity grew at a slower pace as raw material costs surge, however US manufacturing activity picked up in May on reopening economy.

Currencies

- U.S. dollar closed on a flat note with a marginal gain of 0.12 % against the rival currencies after testing a three week in previous week.
- Euro and Chinese Yuan slipped lower against US dollar. while Japanese Yen managed to close on a positive territory against US dollar.
- Indian Rupee slipped as well in previous week and finally closed with loss by 0.63 percent and settled at 72.86 marks against dollar.

Lead

- LME lead futures skidded 2.62 percent, SHFE lead futures too lost momentum by 2.56 percent on previous week.
- MCX Lead managed to limit its loss just above half a percent in last week.
- Lead inventory levels in LME decreased by 2.70 percent, while stocks in SHFE increased by 12.88 percent.
- LME Cash over three month forward futures premium in Lead is contango at \$19.50 per MT as on Friday.



Currency

Currencies	Close	WoW % Chg
Dollar Index Spot	90.136	0.12%
Euro/US Dollar	1.2165	-0.20%
US Dollar/ Japanese Yen	109.49	0.29%
US Dollar/ Indian Rupee	72.86	-0.63%
US Dollar/ Chinese Yuan	6.3945	-0.42%

^{*}Currency rates mentioned above are Friday closing rates

Key Data/Events for the week

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Day	Data/Events
Monday	China-Trade Balance
Tuesday	Euro-Zone GDP
Wednesday	China -Inflation
Thursday	ECB Policy Decision
Thursday	US - Inflation





Lead prices moved within consolidation range

Prices had a volatile session last week due to mixed fundamentals. Hopes of US monetary policy chances and Chinese action on rising base metals prices dampened the market sentiment. Muted factory activity data from China and a rising inventory build up in Shanghai warehouse also kept major gains under check.

The LME Lead futures declined by 2.62 percent last week to \$2136 per MT. The Shanghai Lead prices traded downward by 2.56 percent and closed at CNY15030 per MT in the fast week of June.

US President Joe Biden consider ally countries to supply metals for Electric

US President made remarks to boost electric vehicle sector including recycling of batteries and sourcing supplies from other countries as an aggressive measures to achieve climate goals.

Global lead market moves back into surplus in February -ILZSG

The global lead market moved into a surplus of 7,400 tonnes in February from a revised deficit of 4,400 tonnes in January, data from the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showed. Earlier, the ILZSG had reported a deficit of 21,800 tonnes in January.

In the first two months of 2021, the ILZSG said the roughly 12 million tonne a year market was oversupplied by 3,000 tonnes. That compares to a 16,000 tonne surplus in the same period of 2020.

China auto sales likley to seen smaller YoY increase in May

Chinese vehicle sales may be the lowest in last month since this year began. A preliminary tally from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers says that auto sales of the world's largest vehicle market reached 2.204 million units last month, up 0.5% from a year ago, 8.1 percentage points less than that of April sales, and down 2.1% from a month ago, 7.7 percentage points less than that of the previous month. Regarding different segments, monthly sales of passenger vehicles may see a year-on-year growth of 6% while those of commercial vehicles may drop 8.8% compared with the same period of last year.

Warehouse inventory level

The Lead inventory levels in LME registered warehouses decreased last week and totalled 94700 MT. Meanwhile, inventories in Shanghai registered warehouses totalled at 105372 MT.



Outlook

Chinese regulator action on surging base metals prices and concerns over demand likely to weigh the sentiment of lead. Meanwhile, recovering global industrial activities and a weak US currency continue to offer lower level support to prices.

LME: Inability to move past \$2200 there are chances of corrective selling pressure. A direct rise above would take prices further higher.

MCX: Breaking the resistance of Rs 182 is needed to continue rallies. Else, corrective selloffs are likely in the counter.

Global Market Prices

Exchanges	Close Price	WoW % Chg	YoY % Chg
LME	2136(\$/MT)	-2.62%	20.41%
SHFE	15030(CNY/MT)	-2.56%	4.45%
MCX	169.85 (Rs/Kg)	-0.67%	11.05%

*Near Month Futures Contacts in MCX/ SHFE/COMEX
*Three Month Forward Futures Contracts in LME
*Prices mentioned above are Friday closing rates in respective exchanges

Warehouse Stock Details

Exchanges	Stocks in MT	WoW Chg	YoY % Chg
LME	94700	-2625	-2.70%
SHFE	105372	12025	12.88%

Stocks in Metric Tonnes



Trading Outlook				
	LME 3M Futures	MCX Jun		
Weekly View	RANGE BOUND	RANGE BOUND		
Short Term View	MILD NEGATIVE	MILD NEGATIVE		
Technical Levels				
Trading Range	\$ 2280-1750	Rs 188-148		
Resistance 1	2220	174		
Resistance 2	2280	179		
Resistance 3	2400	188		
Pivot	2080	168		
Support 1	1020	165		
Support 2	1940	157		
Support 3	1880	148		



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