ALUMINIUM REPORT

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Aluminium prices were remain under pressure on worries over global economic slow down and firm US Dollar.

Global Economy

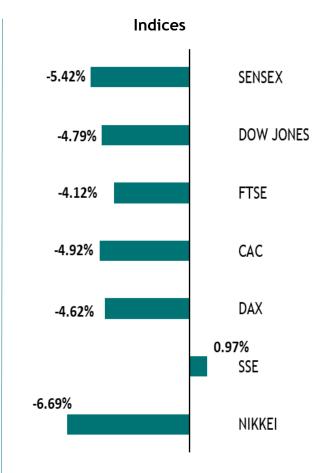
- Global equity gauges extended fall amid growing concerns that rising interest rate hikes by major central banks fuel global economic slowdown. The US Dow Jones equity index tumbled below 30,000 level for the first time since January 2021. European equity indices also slipped heavily. Among Asian indices, India's Sensex plunged more than 5.00%. However China's benchmark equity index closed at three month high on expectation of more policy support.
- U.S. Federal Reserve approved the largest interest rate increase since 1994 by raising 0.75 percentage point, which will increase the benchmarks federal-funds rate to a range between 1.5% and 1.75%.
- U.S. industrial output marked its slowest growth in five months in May, as manufacturing output contracted under pressure from ongoing supply chain and input price problems.
- The central banks in Europe hiked interest rates as an effort to control inflation. The Bank of England raised its benchmark rate to its highest level since the 2009 financial crisis.

Currencies

- The dollar index soared to 105.78 in previous week against a basket of currencies, the highest since December 2002.
- Euro currency and Chinese Yuan closed on flat note against US dollar last week. Japanese Yen shed near half a percent against US Dollar. While Indian currency settled near 78 Mark against US dollar with marginal gains.

Aluminium

- Primary aluminum output of China, the world's largest producer and consumer of the metal, rose to 3.42 million tonnes in May, up 3.1% from the same month a year earlier, National Bureau of Statistics, and up from 3.36 million tonnes in April.
- The European Commission will resume imposing antidumping duties on imports of aluminum flat-rolled products of Chinese origins from July 12, after postponing for nine months.



Currency

Currencies	Close	WoW % Chg
Dollar Index Spot	104.7	0.53%
Euro/US Dollar	1.0498	-0.16%
US Dollar/ Japanese Yen	134.96	-0.40%
US Dollar/ Indian Rupee	77.9346	0.23%
US Dollar/ Chinese Yuan	6.716	-0.12%

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

Key Data/Events for the week

Day	Data/Events	
Monday	Holiday For US Financial Markets	
Wednesday	US Fed's Jerome Powell Testifies	
Thursday	US Manufacturing PMI	
Friday	US New Home Sales	





Aluminium future in Shanghai slipped to more than 6-month low

Base metal complex were largely under pressure last week as global recessional fears left investors in the lurch and this market sentiments hit Aluminium prices as well. Slowing manufacturing activities in major economies along with aggressive scaling back of liquidity measures from major central banks across globe spooked worries that it could damage economic growth. Whereas demand in China still struggling to pick up as lockdowns aren't really ending as quickly as hoped, as the country continued to impose tough restrictions to completely eliminate Covid-19 infections.

Prices of aluminium on Shanghai futures platform slipped to lowest level since late December 2021 and finally settled at 19600 CNY/MT in previous week. MCX aluminium prices hit the lowest level in 2022. Benchmark aluminium prices in London Metal Exchange slipped last week too by shedding around 7.00 percent.

In the meantime, a stronger US Dollar continued to side line investors as the metal become more expensive. On the other hand, Europe's primary aluminium smelters are continuing to cutdown production on soaring energy prices as smelting activity is an energy intensive business . Western European output of primary aluminum totalled 244,000 tonnes in April, that was down by 13.2 percent on April last year, according to the latest assessment by the International Aluminium Institute (IAI).

China's Aluminium imports Slipped in May

According to Chinese government data, imports of aluminium fell 16.4% in May from the same month a year earlier, on amid higher overseas prices and weak domestic demand. While the import data by General Administration of customs showed that country brought 188,469 tonnes of unwrought aluminium and products, which includes primary metal and unwrought, alloyed aluminium in May. However the last month imports were slightly up from 175,289 tonnes in April. Meanwhile China's exports of unwrought aluminium and aluminium products increased 54% from a year earlier to 676,605 tonnes in May, which marked the highest level in at least nine years.

Warehouse stock level

The aluminium inventory levels in LME registered warehouses decreased last week by 16100 MT and totalled 407875 MT. The inventory level in SHFE registered warehouses depleted as well last week by 2246 MT and totalled at 267337 MT.



Outlook

LME: Worries over global growth prospects and a firm US dollar continue to hit the demand for base metals.

MCX Jun: Corrective selling pressure may continue while prices stay below Rs 248. Anyhow, major liquidation expected only consistent trades below the stiffs support of Rs 206.

Global Market Prices

Exchanges	Close Price	WoW % Chg	YoY % Chg
LME	2498 (\$/MT)	-6.79%	-1.01%
SHFE	19600(CNY/MT)	-0.38%	8.41%
MCX	215.35(Rs/Kg)	-5.61%	10.58%

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

Warehouse Stock Details

Exchanges	Stocks in MT	WoW Chg	YoY % Chg
LME	407875	-16100	-3.80%
SHFE	267337	-2246	-0.83%

Stocks in Metric Tonnes



	Trading Outlook				
	LME 3M Futures	MCX Jun			
Weekly View	RANGE BOUND	RANGE BOUND			
Short Term View	NEGATIVE	NEGATIVE			
	Technical Levels				
Trading Range	\$2990-1950	Rs274-170			
Resistance 1	2560	230			
Resistance 2	2880	248			
Resistance 3	3200	261			
Pivot	2770	238			
Support 1	2380	206			
Support 2	2150	188			
Support 3	1870	172			



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