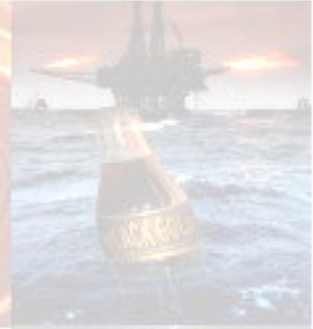




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DAILY REPORT ON METALS AND ENERGY



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NEWS HEADLINES

- Australia's central bank raised borrowing costs this month as the risk of faster economic growth stoking inflation outweighed the potential for renewed financial market turmoil caused by sovereign debt concerns.
- Builders in February probably broke ground on the fewest U.S. homes since October, partly because of record snowfall in areas of the country, economists said before a government report today.
- German investor confidence probably declined for a sixth month in March amid signs the economy is struggling to expand and as Greece's fiscal crisis shakes financial markets.

KEY US ECONOMIC RELEASES

Indicator	Timings (IST)	Period	Forecast	Previous	Comments
Building Permits (MoM)	18:00	Feb	-	0.62M	Housing starts and FOMC meeting will be closely watched.
Housing Starts (YoY)	18:00	Feb	0.57M	0.59M	
Import Price Index (MoM)	18:00	Feb	-0.1%	1.4%	
Import Price Index (YoY)	18:00	Feb	11.3%	11.5%	
Fed Interest Rate Decision	23:45	-	0.25%	0.25%	

OTHER IMPORTANT ECONOMIC RELEASES

Location	Indicator	Timings (IST)	Period	Forecast	Previous	Actual	Comments
Europe	Consumer Price Index (YoY)	15:30	Feb	0.9%	1.0%		EUR German ZEW Survey (Economic Sentiment) (MAR) can show negative figures.
Europe	Consumer Price Index - Core (MoM)	15:30	Feb	0.8%	-0.1%		
Europe	Consumer Price Index (MoM)	15:30	Feb	-	-0.8%		
Germany	ZEW Survey – Economic Sentiment	15:30	Mar	43.5	45.1		
Germany	ZEW Survey - Current Situation	15:30	Mar	-	-54.8		
Europe	ZEW Survey - Economic Sentiment	15:30	Mar	-	40.2		

MOVEMENTS AS ON 15.03.10

COMMODITY	CONTRACT	CLOSING	%AGE CHANGE
COMEX			
Gold	APR	1,105.40	0.34
Silver	MAR	17.083	0.35
Platinum	MAR	1,613.90	0.46
MCX			
Gold	APR	16538	0.52
Silver	MAY	26751	0.36
GLOBAL INDICES			
INDEX NAME	VALUE	CHANGE	
RJCRB	270.79	-2.52	

BULLIONS SECTION

NEWS ROUND UP

- Gold ticked up on Tuesday on persistent worries about Europe's debt problems but some investors were reluctant to take positions ahead of a meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve, which could squeeze the dollar.
- The world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, SPDR Gold Trust, said its holdings stood at 1,115.511 tonnes by March 15, unchanged from the previous business day.

GOLD (MCX) April



SILVER (MCX) March



OUTLOOK

Bullions are expected to remain volatile ahead of the FOMC interest rate decision. It is expected that the Fed will keep the rate constant at 0.25 per cent but further comments on future interest rate scenarios will be closely watched. Gold ticked up on Tuesday on persistent worries about Europe's debt problems but some investors were reluctant to take positions ahead of a meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve. The world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, SPDR Gold Trust, said its holdings stood at 1,115.511 tonnes by March 15, unchanged from the previous business day.

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COMMODITY	CONTRACT	CLOSING	%AGE CHANGE
LME			
COPPER	3 MONTHS	7301.00	-2.63
ALUMINUM	3 MONTHS	2239.00	-0.29
ZINC	3 MONTHS	2295.00	-2.61
LEAD	3 MONTHS	2210.00	-3.11
NICKEL	3 MONTHS	21450.00	-1.58
TIN	3 MONTHS	17550.00	-0.31
COMEX			
COPPER	MAR	3.307	-1.85
S.H.F.E			
ZINC	JUNE*	18460	-0.70
COPPER	JUNE *	58600	0.41
ALUMINIUM	JUNE *	16640	-0.51
MCX			
COPPER	APR	334.35	-1.91
ALUMINUM	MAR	100.90	-1.42
ZINC	MAR	103.30	-2.78
LEAD	MAR	100.10	-2.53
NICKEL	MAR	983.50	-0.95
NCDEX			
STEEL LONG	MAR	26920.00	1.82

*Closing as on 16.03.10

BASE METALS SECTION

ZINC (MCX) March



STEEL LONG (NCDEX) March



LEAD (MCX) March



COPPER (MCX) April



ALUMINIUM (MCX) March



BASE METALS SECTION

WORLD KEY INDICES	CLOSING	CHANGE
BALTIC DRY INDEX	3,574.00	68.000
LMEX	3394.00	-61.80

STOCK POSITION AT LME WAREHOUSE (IN TONNES)		
COMMODITY	STOCK POSITION AS ON 16.03.10	CHANGE
Copper	528050	-3150
Aluminium	4537775	+25050
Nickel	158382	-216
Zinc	539700	+1275
Lead	170300	-125

NEWS ROUND UP

- Vale SA, the world's second-biggest nickel producer, will produce the first output of the metal from the \$4.3 billion Goro mine in New Caledonia by the end of this month or the start of the next after a three-month delay.
- Feeble power supply in No. 1 copper producer Chile could eventually hit nearly one-fifth of the country's output and lift the value of the red metal on global supply concerns if the market tightens.
- U.S. copper futures closed at a two-week low on Monday, under pressure from a firmer dollar and increased concerns that top-consumer China may take further steps to tighten monetary policy.
- Japan's Toho Zinc entered a takeover battle with Belgian's Nyrstar to acquire CBH Resources a little known miner sitting on millions of tonnes of zinc in the Australian outback.

OUTLOOK

Base metals are expected to trade on choppy tracking mixed fundamentals. Copper prices slumped to their lowest levels in two weeks on Monday, weighed down by a combination of U.S. dollar strength and growing concerns that China will take further steps to tighten monetary policy. Investors are keeping a keen eye on production from Chile after a series of supply disruptions in recent weeks in the top copper producing country. Key mines in Chile resumed operations after energy supply returned on Monday following a near country-wide blackout that impacted production for several hours, just two weeks after an earthquake temporarily hit supply. Copper may trade in range of Rs 100-102. Zinc may trade in range of Rs 103.50-104.50 in near term.

MOVEMENTS AS ON 15.03.10

COMMODITY	CONTRACT	CLOSING	%AGE CHANGE
NYMEX			
CRUDE OIL	APR	79.80	-1.77
NATURAL GAS	APR	4.391	-0.20
MCX			
CRUDE OIL	MAR	3645	-1.59
NATURAL GAS	MAR	202.50	0.95

ENERGY SECTION

NEWS ROUND UP

- Crude oil traded below \$80 a barrel in New York on concern demand in the U.S., the world's largest energy consumer, hasn't grown fast enough to justify the recent gain in prices.

CRUDE OIL (MCX) March



OUTLOOK

Crude oil is also expected to trade sideways. Oil prices extended losses below \$80 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors eyed meetings of the U.S. central bank and OPEC for trading catalysts. Oil prices have ricocheted between \$70 and \$80 for most of the last nine months as crude demand recovered from last year's global recession but remains weak in developed countries.

NATURAL GAS (MCX) March





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