



Metal Matters

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LME Response – Russian Metal still Good to Go

The LME <u>published its response</u> on 11 November to the Discussion Paper on Russian Metal. Taking into account the differing views, the LME decided to accept the status quo, meaning that Russian metal continues to be acceptable for good delivery on the Exchange.

A couple of points to highlight in the LME's decision:

- 1. It takes the view that the acceptability of metal from any jurisdiction should be in line with the decisions of democratically elected governments, and the Exchange's rules should reflect governmental sanctions and/or tariffs;
- 2. It has a responsibility to ensure an orderly market and to date there is no evidence that Russian metal has been rejected wholesale by consumers resulting in flows into LME warehouses and market disruption.

A few respondents highlighted the 'green' credentials of Russian producers. The following is taken from the LME Response,

"Many Russian smelters and refineries benefit from 100% hydroelectric power which has helped ensure that they are focal players for the sustainable transition. One respondent emphasised that sourcing from Russian producers is vital for many consumers and downstream users who rely on the environmental credentials for their own decarbonisation strategies. Building on this view, another respondent discussed the growing demand for low carbon aluminium and that producers who are directly in competition with Russian producers would benefit from pursuing an LME ban on Russian metal, despite potentially having a less attractive product from an environmental perspective."



EV metals vs EV equities (12 months to 11/11/2022)

Note: SOLELEEV = Solactive Elementum Electric Vehicle Index (USD) Source: Bloomberg STXELVV = STOXX Global Electric Vehicles & Driving Technology Index (USD, NTR)



Metal	Price USD (11 November)	Weekly change %	Year-to-date change %	Price vs 200 day moving average	Price vs 52 week high
Gold	1759.35	5.1%	-2.6%	97.6%	86.3%
Silver	21.48	7.6%	-7.0%	100.1%	82.1%
Palladium	2032	7.6%	3.0%	94.3%	67.4%
Platinum	1040	9.8%	8.4%	109.7%	90.4%
Cobalt	49077.9	-3.7%	-32.1%	70.1%	56.0%
Copper	8441	6.8%	-12.9%	96.0%	78.7%
Nickel	26025	9.6%	24.4%	99.2%	56.8%

Metal prices

Bloomberg codes: GOLDLNPM, SLVRLND, PLDMLNPM, PLTMLNPM, BYW1, LOCADY, LONIDY Notes. All performance data to 11 November 2022. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance and the value of an investment may fall as well as rise. Investors take on currency risk when taking unhedged exposure to commodities.

The week ahead

14 November	Eurozone: industrial production; Japan: GDP
15 November	China: industrial output, retail sales; US: PPI
16 November	US: retail sales, industrial produciton
17 November	Eurozone / Japan: CPI; UK: Autumn Statement; US: initial jobless claims
18 November	UK: retail sales; US: existing home sales

Further reading

Bloomberg	China's Top EV Wastes No Time Getting Traction In Indonesia
Bloomberg	Ford, GM In Talks With Posco Chemical Battery Metal Hubs
Bloomberg	Germany Considers National Fund In Scramble for Raw Materials
Ember	The sunny side of Asia
Reuters	Australian mining magnate Forrest calls for a ban on seabed mining

Metal Research Major Exchanges Total Copper Inventories (MT)



Data: as at 11 November 2022

Source: Bloomberg



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