



## BHP walks away from Anglo American

It's over for now at least. On 29 May, Mike Henry, BHP's CEO [announced](#) that, "BHP will not be making a firm offer for Anglo American. BHP is committed to its Capital Allocation Framework and maintains a disciplined approach to mergers and acquisitions." BHP reiterated its belief that its revised proposal would have offered value for Anglo American shareholders. It cannot make another approach for Anglo American in the next six months unless another bidder comes forward. The pressure now mounts on Anglo American to deliver on its [turnaround plan](#) that includes the demerger of Anglo American Platinum and the demerger or divestment of De Beers.

Codelco and SQM have [signed](#) a Partnership Agreement for the production of refined lithium in the Salar de Atacama from 2025 to 2060. It is expected that the partnership, in which Codelco will own 50% plus one of the shares, will become effective in early 2025 once all the legal, regulatory, technical and environmental requirements have been fulfilled, plus the completion of the indigenous consultation process. The agreement will target annual output of 280,000-300,000 tonnes from 2031 to 2060. Codelco will be responsible for management of the operation from 2031, at which point the Chilean state will take 85% of the operating margin. Some SQM investors are questioning the deal, Reuters [reported](#) that Tianqi Lithium has submitted a request to the Chilean financial regulator to allow shareholders have the opportunity to vote on the proposed agreement.

Brookfield, acting in concert with Temasek, has [entered](#) into exclusive negotiations through its SPV, Brookfield Renewable Holdings, to purchase a 53.32% shareholding in [Neoen](#) from investors including Impala (42.14%) and the Fonds Stratégique de Participations (6.92%), an alliance of seven French insurance companies. Following the block acquisition, Brookfield Renewable Holdings plans to file a mandatory cash tender offer for the remaining shares and convertible bonds in Neoen that values the company at €6.1 billion. Neoen has a 8,000 MW portfolio of wind, solar and battery storage assets in operation or under construction. It has a broad geographic footprint with a focus on Australia, France and the Nordics.

## Metal prices

Metal	Price USD (31 May)	Weekly change %	Year-to-date change %	Price vs 200 day moving average	Price vs 52 week high
Copper	9985	-2.6%	17.8%	115.9%	92.0%
Cobalt	25794	-0.5%	-11.6%	87.0%	71.3%
Nickel	19830	-0.6%	21.7%	111.5%	85.7%
Palladium	949	-2.0%	-16.5%	89.6%	66.9%
Platinum	1048	2.2%	4.8%	113.0%	98.4%

Bloomberg codes: LOCADY, BYW1, LONIDY, PLDMLNPM, PLTMLNPM

Source: LME

Notes. All performance data to 31 May 2024. 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

3 June	AU, CN, EU, DE, FR, ES, IT, UK, CA, US: Manufacturing PMIs
4 June	DE: Unemployment Rate; US: JOLTS Job Openings, Factory Orders, RCM/TIPP Economic Optimism Index
5 June	AU, CN, EU, DE, FR, ES, IT, UK, CA, US: Services PMIs; AU: GDP Growth Rate FR: Industrial Production; CA: BoC Interest Rate Decision
6 June	AU, CA, US: Balance of Trade; DE: Factory Orders; EU: ECB Interest Rate Decision CA: Ivey PMI
7 June	CN, DE, FR: Balance of Trade; DE: Industrial Production; EU: GDP Growth Rate, ECB President Lagarde Speech; US: Non Farm Payrolls, Unemployment Rate

### Further reading

Bloomberg	<a href="#">EU, Australia Sign Critical Minerals Pact to Diversify Supply Chains</a>
Bloomberg	<a href="#">Indonesia to Delay Ban on Copper Concentrate Exports to Year-End</a>
Bloomberg	<a href="#">The Home of Malbec Wine Makes a Play for Copper in Argentina Mining Revival</a>
Bloomberg	<a href="#">Palladium Output Cuts Needed to Bolster Market, Northam CEO Says</a>
Reuters	<a href="#">Data centers could use 9% of US electricity by 2030, research institute says</a>
Reuters	<a href="#">Britain's creaking power grid leaves green energy revolution adrift</a>
Reuters	<a href="#">Cleaner shipping fuel is contributing to ocean warming, scientists say</a>

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