



## **Metal Matters**

9 June 2025

## Meta and Constellation sign 20-year nuclear energy deal

Reflecting its commitment to the use and development of nuclear power, Meta announced a 20-year corporate nuclear energy agreement with Constellation Energy. It involves a 20-year power purchase agreement for the 1,121 MW output of the Clinton Clean Energy Center in Illinois. The agreement will start in 2027 after the expiry of the state's ratepayer funded zero emission credit programme. The deal will expand Clinton's energy output by 30 megawatts through plant uprates. Constellation indicated that with the guarantee that Clinton will continue to run for another two decades, it will evaluate strategies to extend the plant's existing early site permit or seek a new construction permit from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pursue development of an advanced nuclear reactor or SMR at the site.

Aura Energy announced that it will make a minority investment in Neu Horizon Uranium Ltd, an Australian based unlisted public company that has a portfolio of uranium projects in Sweden. Activities to be undertaken include government and regulatory engagement. Aura Energy has had discussions with the Swedish government about reversing the current prohibition of uranium mining and the governing coalition is keen to see it uplifted. Next steps include a referral process before the proposal is brought to Parliament for approval. A vote is expected later this year. Aura's Häggån polymetallic project in the province of Jämtland contains over 800M lbs of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Inferred Resources.

Owner-operator ECO STOR has connected the 103.5 MW / 238 MWh storage system at Bollingstedt, Schleswig-Holstein to the grid. ECO STOR is backed by an international consortium, including the global renewable energy developer X-ELIO, Nature Infrastructure Capital, and Å Energi. The Bollingstedt facility was developed by ECO STOR in cooperation with EPW GmbH, a developer of large-scale storage projects. The battery storage facility, which is Germany's largest, comprises 64 containers housing lithium-ion batteries and 32 containers for inverters and transformers.





Source: Bloomberg



**Metal prices** 

Metal	Price USD (6 June)	Weekly change %	Year-to-date change %	Price vs 200 day moving average	Price vs 52 week high
Copper	9795	1.8%	12.5%	105.4%	98.1%
Cobalt	33332	-0.9%	50.6%	131.9%	98.5%
Nickel	15225	0.5%	0.8%	96.7%	84.8%
Palladium	1030	6.8%	13.3%	104.6%	84.3%
Platinum	1167	9.0%	27.8%	119.7%	100.0%

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

Source: LME

Notes. All performance data to 6 June 2025. 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

9 June	JP: Current Account, GDP Growth Rate; CN: Inflation Rate, Balance of Trade;
10 June	AU: Westpac Consumer Confidence, NAB Business Confidence; UK: BRC Retail Sales Monitor, Unemployment Rate; EU: ECB Survey of Monetary Analysts; IT: Industrial Production
11 June	US: Core Inflation Rate, Inflation Rate, Monthly Budget Statement
12 June	UK: GDP, Goods Trade Balance, Industrial Production; US: PPI, Core PPI
13 June	DE: Wholesale Prices; IT: Balance of Trade; EU: Industrial Production US: Michigan Consumer Sentiment Preliminary

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Data: as at 6 June 2025 Source: Bloomberg



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