



Metal Matters

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Blykalla, evroc and Studvik to explore development of nuclear-powered data centres

Blykalla, evroc, and Studsvik have <u>signed</u> a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the development of Sweden's first nuclear-powered data centres at Studsvik's licensed nuclear site in Nyköping. Blykalla is developing advanced lead-cooled nuclear reactors, evroc is building Europe's hyperscale cloud and critical AI infrastructure. Studsvik provides lifecycle services for the nuclear sector, including fuel, materials, and waste management. The goals of the MoU include an assessment of the commercial and technical viability of co-locating data centres and SMRs at the Studsvik site and a review of possible structures for a future power purchase agreement.

Glencore <u>announced</u> that it has reached a Heads of Agreement with the Australian and Queensland Governments on a support package of up to A\$600 million (US\$395 million) to continue operating the Mount Isa copper smelter and Townsville copper refinery for the next three years. Over the next six years, Glencore has A\$2.5 billion in planned or proposed capital investment across the Mount Isa region. This includes further investment in George Fisher Mine and potential development of the Black Star Open Cut project, both involving the mining of zinc, lead and silver.

Antofagasta <u>announced</u> that its 70%-owned Centinela mine has undertaken its first blast as part of initial stripping activities at the Encuentro sulphides pit. The pre-stripping phase will involve moving 186 million tonnes of material over a period of approximately two years. The sulphide ore from Encuentro will feed the Centinela Second Concentrator, which is currently under construction. The Encuentro sulphides pit will become the main source of ore for the concentrator plant, which will enable the Centinela District, once the new concentrator plant is fully operational, to process a total of around 200,000 tonnes of ore per day and deliver an average annual production of over 300,000 tonnes of copper.

Copper relative to Aluminium (LME Cash Official Prices in USD, 5 years to 10 October 2025)



Source: Bloomberg



Metal prices

Metal	Price USD (10 October)	Weekly change %	Year-to-date change %	Price vs 200 day moving average	Price vs 52 week high
Copper	10735	1.9%	23.3%	112.0%	98.8%
Cobalt	42952	3.2%	94.0%	139.7%	100.0%
Nickel	15175	-0.4%	0.5%	99.5%	86.1%
Palladium	1455	15.1%	60.1%	138.1%	96.8%
Platinum	1635	2.1%	79.1%	140.6%	97.0%

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Source: LME

Notes. All performance data to 10 October 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

13 Oct	CN: Balance of Trade, Exports, Imports; DE: Current Account; FR: 12-Month BTF Auction
14 Oct	AU: NAB Business Confidence, RBA Meeting Minutes; EU, DE: ZEW Economic Sentiment Index
	IMF: World Economic Outlook
15 Oct	CN: Inflation Rate, PPI; DE: Wholesale Prices; EU: Industrial Production
	US: Core Inflation Rate, Inflation Rate, CPI, NY Empire State Manufacturing Index
16 Oct	JP: Machinery Orders; AU: Unemployment Rate, Participation Rate; UK: GDP, Goods Trade
	Balance, Industrial Production; EU, IT: Balance of Trade; US: Core PPI, PPI, Retail Sales,
	Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index, Business Inventories, NAHB Housing Market Index
17 Oct	EU: Inflation Rate; US: Building Permits Prel, Housing Starts, Export Prices, Import Prices,
	Industrial Production, Net Long-term TIC Flows

Further reading

Bloomberg	Glencore Gets Funding 'Lifeline' from Australia to Keep Copper Smelter Afloat		
Bloomberg	Blackrock-Backed Peru Copper Port to Expand as China Rivalry Heats Up		
Bloomberg	The US is Adding EV Chargers at a Record Pace		
Reuters	Toyota, Sumitomo Metal make advances in cathode materials for solid-state batteries		
Reuters	Global renewable power output overtakes coal for the first time, report says		
Reuters	What critical minerals are on China's export control list now?		





Data: as at 10 October 2025 Source: Bloomberg



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