



**HD (CM) World spot metal prices on Asian markets: prices ease**

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Sydney - Wednesday - October 22 :RWE Aust Business News) - World precious metals against spot selling prices on Asian markets.

Precious metals were mostly weaker with **gold** ending up at a 6 week high on more safe haven demand; bargain hunting, reports Kitco news.

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In Asia, **gold** fell \$2.10 to \$1248.30 oz, while silver slipped 10c to \$17.52 oz. Platinum lost \$1.00 to \$1283 oz and Palladium sold \$1 00 higher at \$7817.00 oz

Share markets in Asia mostly firmer today led by Japan and South Korea. However, a Federal Reserve official eased nerves about a stalling economic recovery.

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By contrast global metal prices quoted in New York and London overnight were:

COMEX METALS... spot **gold** is presently \$1,1248.02. The Oct futures contract rose \$7.00 to \$1,251 oz. Dec contract gained \$7.00 to \$1251.70 oz, Dec silver added \$0.20 to \$17.549 oz. Oct platinum rose \$15.80 to \$1283.70 oz while Dec **copper** improved \$4.00 to 302.80c lb in NY.

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Codelco, the world's biggest **copper** producer, said it expects **China** to emerge from the Qingdao port scandal with better rules for backing loans with commodities. I agree this is an important problem, it's an institutional problem, Chairman Oscar Landerretche said in an interview in London yesterday. We have all the faith in the world that the **Chinese** authorities will clean up the mess.

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Codelco is planning to sell about \$8 **billion** of **bonds** over the next five years to help finance a \$29 **billion** investment program and maintain its status as the world's biggest **copper** producer. The Santiago-based **company** is seeking to invest \$24 **billion** in the next four to five years and a further \$5 **billion** over the next decade to increase annual output to about 2.5 **million** tons by 2025 from 1.7 **million** tons now, Chairman Oscar disclosed.

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The London Whale By Patricia Hurtado | Updated Oct. 21, 2014 The trader known as the London Whale lost at least \$6.2 **billion** for JPMorgan Chase & Co. in 2012. That's a lot of money until you remember that it didn't stop the bank from earning a record profit of \$21.3 **billion** the same year. The pain came elsewhere: Two former traders face criminal charges, the bank admitted violating securities laws and agreed to pay fines of more than \$1 **billion**, along with a US Senate subcommittee a scathing report.

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ANZ Commodities...(Oct21) Bulk commodities were stable to firmer; with **iron ore** prices landed **China** up 1% to USD81.60/tonne. January 2014 rebar futures also found support yesterday, rising 0.4%. The record large gap in rebar futures to physical prices still remains, with spot prices trading at a

USD60/tonne or 14% premium to futures. This points to rebar futures being oversold and should provide some support to rebar futures prices near term.

Base metals were weaker, with nickel the worst performer. **Copper** prices fell as investor sentiment remains nervous on both the supply and demand situation in **China**. Last week **copper** inventories rose 17.5% on the Shanghai Futures Exchange, while a Reuters poll showed expectations for **China** s third quarter economic growth to slow the most in five years.

Crude **oil** markets were weaker, with WTI prices down by less than Brent. A report released by the US Government Accountability Office stated US consumers could benefit by savings on gasoline prices if the ban on crude **oil** exports was lifted.

Agriculture markets were mixed, with price volatility generally subdued. The exception was Arabica coffee which fell 5% on rain through the coffee growing belt in Brazil. The latest weekly CFTC data shows shorts continue to cover. Leveraged money positions in corn increased by 15,575 contracts to net long 88,668 contracts, with large weekly net long increases also in soymeal, soybeans and wheat.

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**OIL**...Nov contract rose \$0.10 to \$82.81 barrel, with a high of \$84.05 and a low of \$82.29 bsrrel. The Dec contract fell \$0.58 to 82.49 barrel with a high of \$83.26 and low of \$81.57 barrel. Brent Oct ICE rose \$0.82 to \$86.22 barrel with a high of \$86.48 and low of \$85.10 barrel. Tapis price fell \$0.18 to \$88.46 barrel in Singapore/Malaysia.

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The AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR is changing hands at US87.81 compared with US87.49 previously. Offshore the Aussie posted a high of US88.15 and a low of US87.59 Against the yen it is at 93.84 (pre 93.93) and euro 69.03 (pre 68.63) and British pence 54.49(pre 54.34)

US DOLLAR...is changing hands at 106.87(pre 106.94). On the euro it is \$US1.2805 (pre 1.2800 against sterling it is \$US1.6168 ( pre 1.6007) and against the Swiss franc 1.0615(pre 1.0607)

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