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COMEX METALS... spot **gold** is presently \$1,211.60 oz.

TD

The Oct futures contract fell \$4.90 to \$1,224.30 oz.

Dec contract lost \$4.50 to \$1224.90 oz, Dec silver rose \$0.04 to \$17.264 oz.

Oct platinum gained #2.90 to \$1270.00 oz while Dec **copper** rose \$1.15 to 310.45c lb in NY.

Gold prices fell as the Federal Reserve ended its bond- **purchase** program, cutting demand for the metal as hedge against inflation.

The Fed maintained its pledge to keep interest rates near zero percent for a considerable time, while citing improvements for the American labor market as it ended its asset buying at the conclusion of its two-day policy meeting today.

People will not see the need for **gold** in an environment of low inflation.

ANZ COMMODITIES ...(Oct29) Base metals were stronger, with nickel up a sharp 6.2%.

The market ignored the reported fall in US durable goods orders and instead focused on the positive US consumer confidence number.

Nickel found interest after fallen 5% this week, as concern over disruptions in NPI output in **China** resurfaced.

Gold prices were steady as investors await the FOMC meeting and the likely end to the bond purchasing program.

Bulk commodities were weaker, with **iron ore** failing to hold gains seen earlier in the week.

With stockpiling by **Chinese** steel-makers slowing ahead of the APEC summit in Beijing next week, traders were forced to lower offers to attract buyers.

Thermal **coal** markets were unchanged despite news that US producer Arch **Coal** expects US thermal **coal** exports to fall by 20Mt in 2015.

Crude **oil** was higher, buoyed by the strong US confidence number.

WTI found the bulk of support, rising 1%.

Brent struggled to gain traction as hopes of OPEC supply cuts seemed to diminish.

A Bloomberg survey pointed to a gain in output to 30.94m barrels per day in September, driven by a recovery in Libya exports.

Agriculture markets were stronger, led by grains.

Wheat rose 1.1% as concerns that harvests in Australia and Russia may be weaker than expected due to adverse weather.

The dry conditions in Russia could in fact cut its harvest to less than 50Mt in 2015.

Soybeans were also higher (+0.3%) after forecasts of a smaller-than- expected crop in South America brought out buyers.

OIL...Dec contract rose \$0.79 to \$82.20 barrel, with a high of \$82.88 and a low of \$81.44 bsrrel.

The Jan contract gained \$0.84 to \$81.96 barrel with a high of \$82.57 and low of \$81.13 barrel.

Brent Dec ICE rose \$1.20 to \$87.23 barrel with a high of \$87.94 and low of \$86.06 barrel.

Tapis price rose \$0.72 to \$89.00 barrel in Singapore/Malaysia.

West Texas Intermediate gained for a second day after an **Energy** Information Administration report showed growth in U.S.

inventories slowed.

Brent climbed.

Stockpiles rose 2.06 **million** barrels in the seven days ended Oct.

24, following a combined increase of 21 **million** in the previous three weeks, the EIA said.

Refineries reduced their operating rate by 0.1 percentage point.

Michael Frawley joins Cargill s Risk Management business unit as a managing director of global metals, Anna Lovely, a spokeswoman for the **company**, says in an e-mail.

* Frawley was previously global head of metals at Newedge and global head of metals at Jefferies Bache NOTE: Cargill Will Apply for LME Membership with expansion into metals.

The AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR is changing hands at US87.85 compared with US88.53 previously.

Offshore the Aussie posted a high of US89.13 and a low of US87.80 Against the yen it is at 95.71 (pre 95.73) and euro 69.52 (pre 69.53) and British pence 54.87(pre 54.89)

US DOLLAR...is changing hands at 108.94 (pre 108.14).

On the euro it is \$US1.2636 (pre 1.2734) against sterling it is \$US1.6009(pre 1.6131) and against the Swiss franc 1.0476 (pre 1.0558)

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