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COMMODITY DAILY REPORT (Metals & Energy) 2nd February, 2018

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

COMEX /NYMEX / ICE (PRECIOUS METALS AND ENERGY)

COMMODITY	CONTRACT	EXPIRY DATE	CLOSING PRICE
Silver	Mar	27-Mar-18	17.16
Gold	Apr	26-Apr-18	1347.90
Crude Oil	Mar	20-Feb-18	65.80
Brent Crude Oil	Apr	28-Feb-18	69.65
Natural Gas	Mar	26-Feb-18	2.79

Closing as on 01.02.18

CURRENCY / COMMODITY INDEX

CURRENCY (Spot)	CURRENT PRICE
USD / INR*	63.97
Dollar Index	88.62
EUR / USD	1.2508
CRB Index	200.78

*Closing as on 01.02.18

LME (BASE METALS) ($ per tonnes)

COMMODITY		CLOSING PRICE
Copper	Cash	7027.00
Aluminum	Cash	2218.00
Zinc	Cash	3588.00
Lead	Cash	2670.00
Nickel	Cash	13545.00

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SHFE (BASE METALS) (Yuan per tonnes)

COMMODITY	MONTH	CLOSING PRICE
Copper	Feb	52880.00
Aluminum	Feb	14275.00
Zinc	Feb	26680.00
Lead	Feb	19480.00

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DOMESTIC MARKETS

MCX (BULLIONS AND ENERGY)

COMMODITY	EXPIRY DATE	CLOSING PRICE	TREND**	DATE TREND CHANGED	RATE TREND CHANGED	CLOSING STOP LOSS
Silver	5-Mar -18	39309.00	Sideways	23.01.18	38733.00	
Gold	5-Apr -18	30446.00	Up	28.12.17	29012.00	**29700.00**
Crude Oil	16-Feb -18	4195.00	Up	27.12.17	3818.00	**4050.00**
Natural gas	23-Feb -18	183.70	Down	31.01.18	190.50	**198.00**

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MCX (BASE METALS)

COMMODITY	EXPIRY DATE	CLOSING PRICE	TREND**	DATE TREND CHANGED	RATE TREND CHANGED	CLOSING STOP LOSS
Copper	28-Feb-18	454.70	Down	23.01.18	439.95	455.00
Aluminum	28-Feb-18	142.55	Up	12.01.18	141.00	138.00
Zinc	28-Feb-18	229.35	Up	27.12.17	210.65	**222.00**
Lead	28-Feb-18	171.25	Up	18.01.18	166.70	**163.00**
Nickel	28-Feb-18	894.40	Up	18.12.17	755.40	**840.00**

**One has to follow the trend and see the price only at closing. This is not for Intra day trading.

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Market Update (Bullions)

Bullion counter may trade on positive path as US nonfarm payroll data and movement of greenback to give further direction to the prices. On domestic bourses movement of local currency can give further direction to the prices. Gold can move in range of 30200-30600 while silver can move in range of 39000-39600 in near term. Gold prices inched down early on Friday ahead of U.S. jobs data due later in the day as traders looked for guidance on the course of monetary policy for the remainder of the year. Traders are looking to the U.S. government's jobs report on Friday. Nonfarm payrolls probably rose by 180,000 jobs in January after increasing 148,000 in December. Stronger-than-expected jobs data, lower unemployment and higher wages would signal strength in the economy, and could in turn strengthen the dollar and pressure gold. The U.S. Federal Reserve held interest rates unchanged on Wednesday but raised its inflation outlook and flagged "further gradual" rate increases. Gold consumption in China grew by 9.41 percent from the previous year to 1,089 tonnes in 2017, state television CCTV reported on Thursday, citing figures from the China Gold Association.

Market Update (Base Metals)

Base metals complex may witness volatile movement as US factory order data to give further direction to the prices. Copper may trade in range of 450-460. Aluminum can move in the range of 140-144 in MCX. Lead can move in the range of 169-173 while zinc may move in range of 227-231. Nickel may trade in range of 850-870. Glencore on Thursday said copper output in 2018 should rise to nearly 1.5 million tonnes as its Katanga mine in Democratic Republic of Congo ramps up to add roughly 150,000 tonnes, as well as 11,600 tonnes of cobalt. Copper output in 2017 fell by 8 percent to just over 1.3 million tonnes, while cobalt, a market Glencore dominates and which has soared in response to expected demand for battery minerals, slipped to 27,400 tonnes. Shanghai nickel rose sharply on Friday after a rollercoaster week, tracking an overnight jump in London prices as investors took up new long positions. The powerful union at BHP's Escondida copper mine, the world's largest, on Wednesday cast doubt on chances of starting talks on a new labour agreement with the company before formal negotiations scheduled for June.

Market Update (Energy)

Crude oil may open in green as it may move in range of 4150-4230. U.S. oil rose for a third day on Friday after a survey showed strong compliance with output cuts by OPEC and others including Russia, offsetting concerns about surging U.S. production. OPEC oil production rose January from an eight-month low as higher output from Nigeria and Saudi Arabia offset a further decline in Venezuela and strong compliance with a supply reduction pact. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) pumped 32.4 million barrels per day (bpd) in January, the survey found, up 100,000 bpd from December. Last month's total was revised down by 110,000 bpd to the lowest since April 2017. Natural gas can continue to dip lower as it can move in range of 180-189. U.S. natural gas futures dropped to a three-week low on Thursday after a small weekly storage draw and forecasts for less cold weather and heating demand over the next two weeks than previously expected. The U.S. Energy Information Administration said utilities pulled a smaller-than-average 99 billion cubic feet of gas out of storage during the mild week ending on Jan. 26, down from a massive 288 bcf during the previous, colder week.

KEY ECONOMIC RELEASES

IST	Economic releases	Importance	Expected	Previous	Impact on	Adverse/Favourable
19:00	US Nonfarm Payrolls (Jan)	Med	184K	148K	Metals and Energy	Favourable
19:00	US Unemployment Rate (Jan)	Med	4.10%	4.10%	Metals and Energy	Neutral
20:30	US Factory Orders (MoM) (Dec)	Med	1.50%	1.30%	Metals and Energy	Favourable
20:30	US Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Jan)	Med	95	94.4	Metals and Energy	Favourable

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