Base Morning Technical Report

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(Bloomberg) -- US President Donald Trump sowed fresh chaos in metals markets with news of a higher-than-expected 50% tariff on copper imports, spurring a record spike in US futures and a drop in the global benchmark.
The planned levy marks the latest twist in a tumultuous period for industrial commodities, as the US leader aims to encourage more mining and smelting at home. He's already raised fees on steel and aluminum imports, while probes into flows of multiple other metals are in train.
Since February, when Trump first aired potential copper tariffs, global traders have shipped record volumes of metal into the US to get ahead of implementation. The tougher-than-expected 50% tariff — which could be in place within weeks — signals an imminent end to that trade.
"This is a watershed moment for the copper market in 2025 as imminent, flagged tariff implementation should abruptly close the window for further significant US-bound copper shipments," Citigroup Inc. analysts wrote in a note.
The immediate price action in New York and London reflected expectations for a tighter US market, but more plentiful supply elsewhere. Contracts on the Comex surged to an unprecedented 25% premium over London Metal Exchange prices — the global benchmark — in the aftermath of Trump's comments.
Copper climbed as much as 17% on Comex on Tuesday, a record one-day spike to an all-time high, before falling more than 4% in early trading on Wednesday. On the LME, the metal slid as much as 2.4% at Wednesday's open, before trading 0.7% lower at $9,722 a ton at 10:34 a.m. in Singapore.

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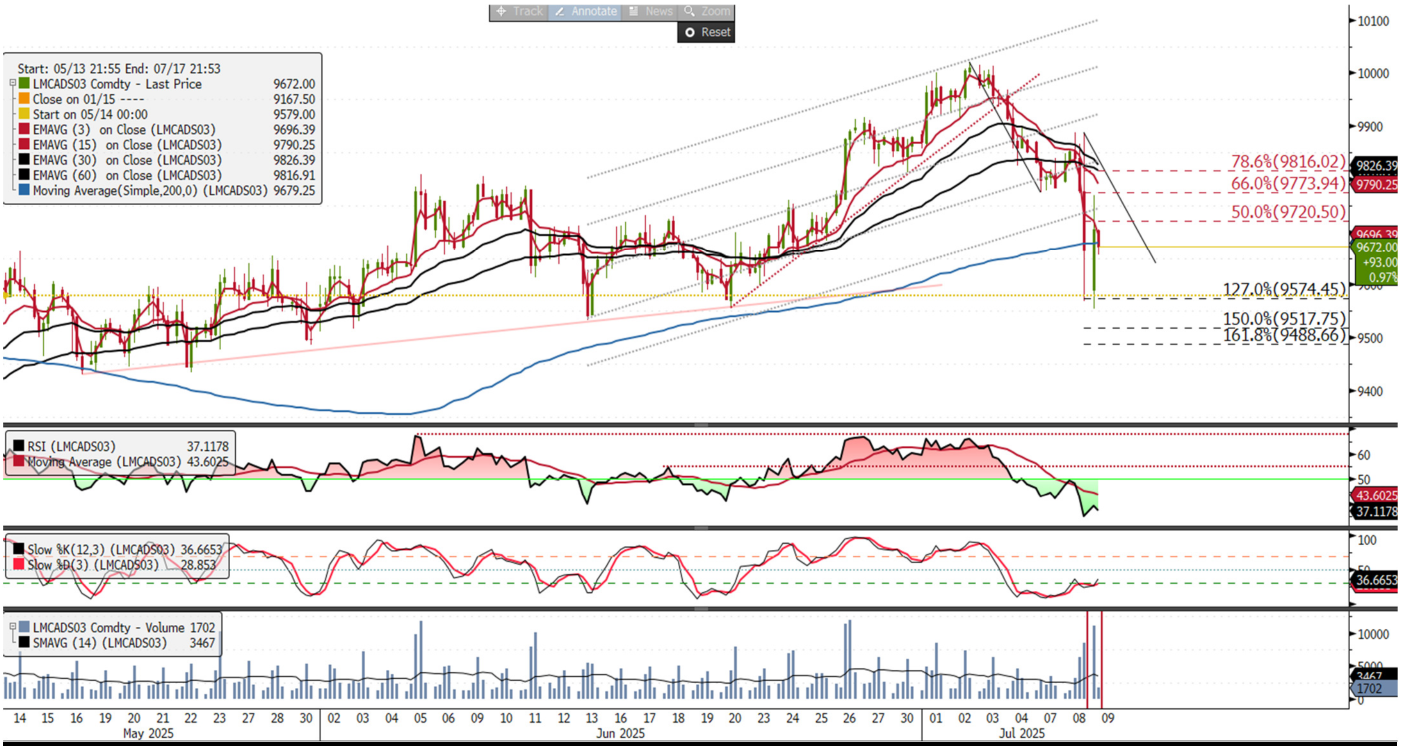
Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



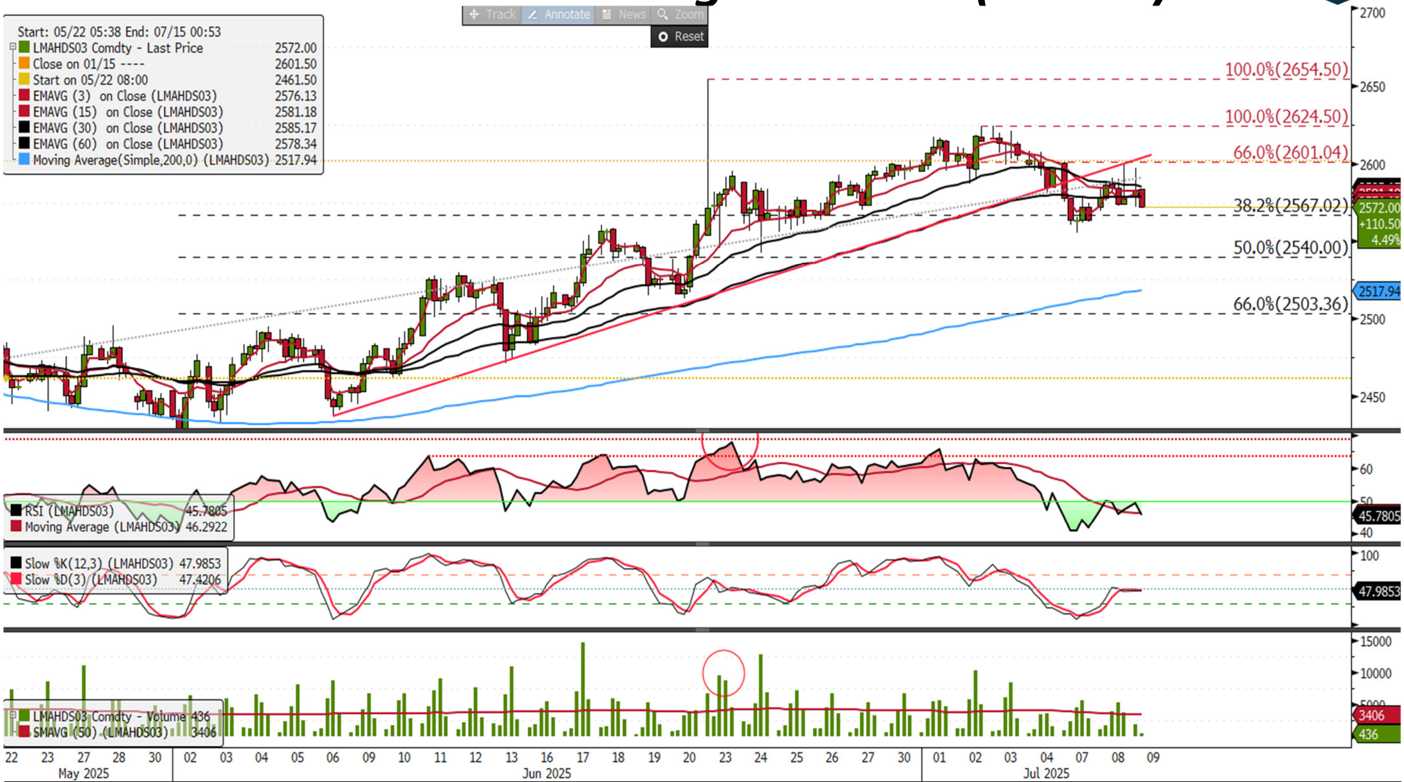
Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	9,574	R1	9,720	9,672	Stochastic oversold	RSI below 50
S2	9,517	R2	9,749			
S3	9,488	R3	9,773			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- The RSI below 50 (37)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 9,749
- Bearish based on price yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum remained weak ; however, our Elliott wave analysis suggests we have the potential for another test to the upside due to a bullish wave extension, making USD 9,714—USD 9,936 the key levels to follow on this technical. Below USD 9,714 would indicate that the probability of the futures trading to a new high had started to decrease; whilst above USD 9,936 would leave the USD 10,020.5 fractal resistance vulnerable. With price finding support on the 2 stdv line, we remained cautious on downside moves at these levels.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 9,888.5; however, **US President Donald Trump sowed fresh chaos in metals markets with news of a higher-than-expected 50% tariff on copper imports (Bloomberg).** The LME futures responded by selling to a low of USD 9,553.5. Price is below the EMA support band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 9,749 with the RSI at or above 46 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USD 9,773 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downside, above this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bearish, having sold lower into the US close and on the Asian open, the futures have seen bid support on a high volume candle; in theory this warning of an underlying support at lower levels. However, when looking at a 15 min chart we can see the volume was mostly between USD 9,695—USD 9,762, suggesting it was at the upper end of the 4-hour candle. Our technical view is neutral, if we close and hold below the intraday 200-period MA (USD 9,679), it will warn that we could trade back to the USD 9,553.5 low. Conversely, a close above the average and the USD 9,762 level will indicate that buyside pressure is increasing.

Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



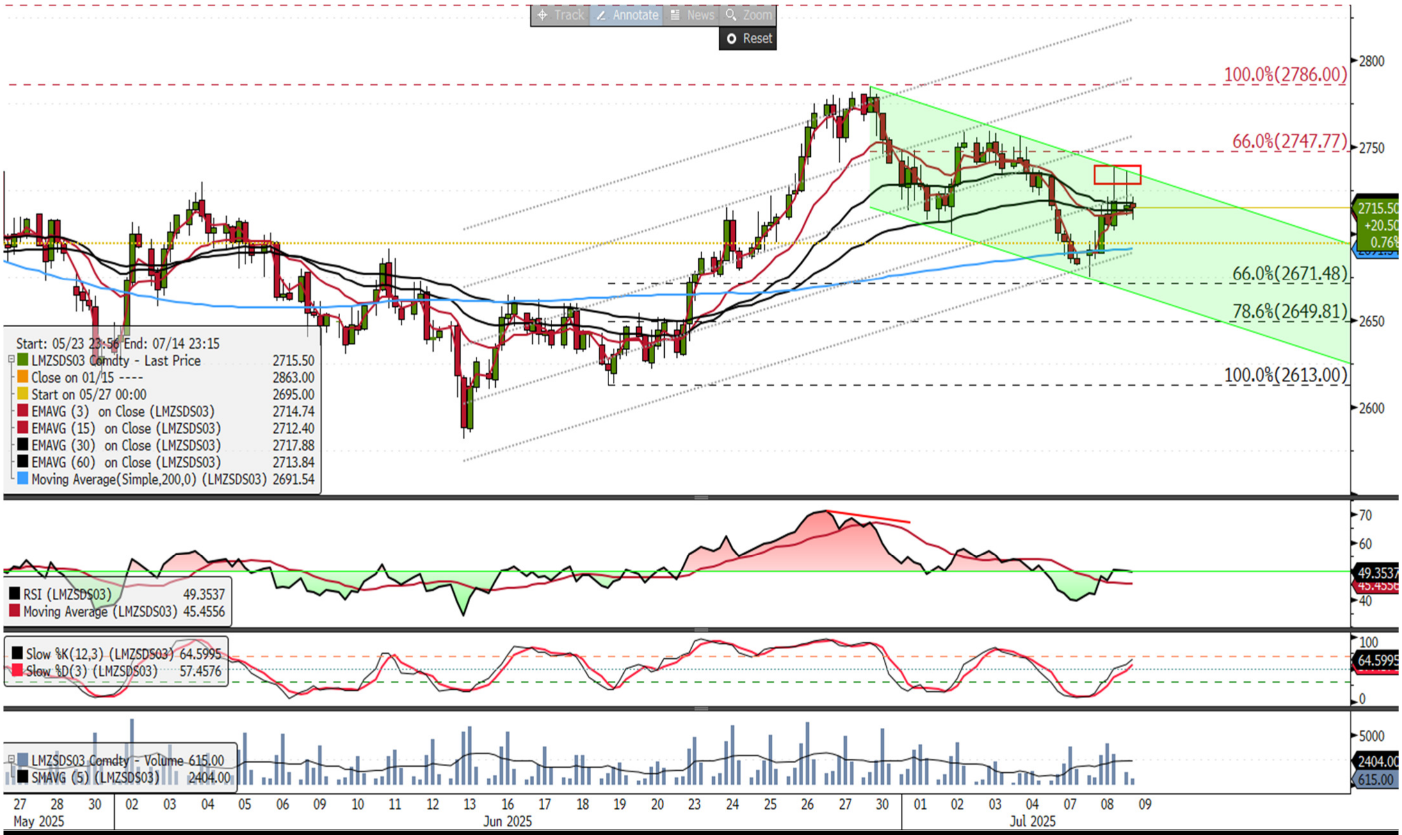
Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,567	R1	2,585	2,572		RSI below 50
S2	2,540	R2	2,601			
S3	2,503	R3	2,624			

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (45)
- Stochastic is below
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,585
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that we had light momentum weakness. Having sold lower on a negative divergence with the RSI, the futures had broken trend support (USD 2,596) and linear regression support (USD 2,589), we also have Fibonacci resistance at USD 2,601. For upside continuation, the futures were going to need to close and hold above the USD 2,601 level, as this would put price above the 3 resistance levels. Due to the move lower on the divergence, we remained cautious on upside moves at that point.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 2,600 but rejected the trend resistance (USD 2,603) and the linear regression resistance (USD 2,592), resulting in a small move lower on the open today. We are below the EMA support band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,585 with the RSI at or above 48.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level with the RSI at or below 44 will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,503 will support a bull argument, below this level the Elliott wave cycle will be back in bear territory. Likewise, upside moves that fail at or below USD 2,601 will warn that there is further downside within this corrective phase.
- Bearish with a neutral bias, the rejection of the resistance zone yesterday is warning that support levels could come under pressure. With trend resistance now moving to USD 2,603, upside moves will need to close and hold above this level, as this now considered more important that the USD 2,601 Fibonacci resistance. For downside continuation, the futures will need a daily close that holds below the daily 200-period MA (USD 2,566). Tight margins on this technical, USD 2,603—USD 2,566 are the key levels to follow.

Zinc Morning Technical (4-hour)



Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,712	R1	2,740	2,715.5		RSI below 50
S2	2,691	R2	2,747			
S3	2,671	R3	2,759.5			

Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (49)
- Stochastic is above 50
- Price is above the daily pivot point USD 2,712
- Technically bullish yesterday, the futures remained in a corrective phase with the MA on the RSI implying momentum was weak. We were still trading over two standard deviations below the linear regression line (USD 2,759), implying price was overextended to the downside. However, if we did trade below USD 2,671, then the probability of the futures trading to a new high would start to decrease. Price was at an inflection point, as we were trading on the 200-period MA (USD 2,690); for upside continuation, we would need to hold above this average with price and momentum becoming aligned to the buyside. We remained cautious on downside moves whilst above the USD 2,671 level.
- The futures held above the 200-period MA (USD 2,691), resulting in price trading to a high of USD 2,740. We have since seen bids fade with price between the EMA support band whilst the RSI is near-neutral at 49, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the buyside.
- A close on the 4-hour candle below USD 2,712 with the RSI at or below 43 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,671 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish but in a corrective phase. The futures moved higher having been over extended to the downside yesterday; however, we are seeing upside resistance due to the corrective channel lower. If we close and hold above USD 2,740 on the 4-hour candle, it will warn that the USD 2,747 resistance could be tested and broken. If it is, it will suggest that we could be trade to new highs, as we are potentially looking at a bullish Elliott wave extension. Conversely, a move below USD 2,671 will be considered as deep into the last bull wave, meaning the probability of the futures trading to a new high will start to decrease. At this point, the linear regression line will be run from high to low, rather than low to high. There is still the potential for a bullish wave extension, but whilst in the corrective channel we have a more neutral bias, as the technical is not showing its intent.

Nickel Morning Technical (4-hour)

Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	15,132	R1	15,190	15,000	Stochastic oversold	RSI below 50
S2	15,021	R2	15,340			
S3	14,933	R3	15,431			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA resistance band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (40)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 15,075
- We bearish based on price yesterday, the upside move to USD 15,480 and the subsequent downside moves below USD 15,110, confirmed the completion of a lower timeframe Elliott wave cycle. Price was corrective with the MA on the RSI implying momentum was weak, warning support levels remained vulnerable. USD 15,132 is the key level to follow, if broken, then the probability of there being a larger bull cycle coming into play would start to decrease. We had a more neutral view on the technical yesterday.
- The futures traded below the USD 15,021 level, meaning the futures have a neutral bias. We are below the EMA re-sistance band with the RSI below 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 15,075 with the RSI at or above 45.5 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Upside moves that fail at or below USDS 15,296 will leave the futures vulnerable to further tests to the downisde, above this level the Elliott wave cycle will be back in bullish territory.
- Technically bearish based on price, the Elliott wave cycle is neutral, meaning the probability of the futures trading to new high has started to decrease. We now have a three wave pattern lower, whilst in divergence on the RSI, not a buy signal, it warns we could see a momentum slowdown. If we trade below USD 14,940, it will create a second divergence, suggesting we are looking at an A,B,C that has completed. If we trade higher but reject the USD 15,296 level, then we are looking at A, B, with a downisde move to follow. At these levels, in either scenario, the futures are not a 'technical' sell at these levels.

Lead Morning Technical (4-hour)

Support		Resistance		Current Price	Bull	Bear
S1	2,033	R1	2,058	2,043		RSI below 50
S2	2,022	R2	2,073			
S3	2,005	R3	2,082			

Synopsis - Intraday

Source Bloomberg

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (49)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily point USD 2,049
- Bullish but in a corrective phase yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum remained weak. Our Elliott wave analysis did suggest that downside moves should be considered as countertrend; however, the move lower had resulted in the RSI breaking support, suggesting bid support in the near-term could struggle to hold, as it looked like there will be another intraday bear wave within this technical.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 2,062; however, the move has failed to hold resulting in the futures trading back at yesterday mornings levels. We are between the EMA support band with the RSI near-neutral at 49, intraday price and momentum are conflicting.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 2,049 with the RSI at or above 52 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside; likewise, a close below this level with the RSI at or below 47.5 will mean it is aligned to the sell side. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,005 will support a longer-term bull argument.
- The futures remain bullish but in a corrective phase, the RSI pullback highlighted previously, alongside the upside rejection candle on the intraday chart yesterday, continue to warn that support levels are vulnerable in the near-term. A close above the high of the resistance candle (USD 2,062) will indicate buyside pressure is increasing, warning the USD 2,073 fractal high could be tested and broken.