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Base Morning Technical Report

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(Bloomberg) -- Freeport-McMoRan Inc. has partially resumed activities at the Grasberg copper mine in Indonesia after the giant operation was idled in September following a deadly accident.

The Big Gossan and Deep Mill Level Zone sections of the mine, which account for about a third of output, have returned to production, said people familiar with the matter, asking not to be identified because they're not authorized to speak to the media. The resumption follows the issuance of operating permits by Indonesia's Energy and Minerals Resources Ministry, they added.

A spokesperson for PT Freeport Indonesia, the local unit, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. News outlet Tempo reported the resumption earlier, citing a government official.

Grasberg's partial return is a significant boost for both Freeport and Indonesia, which own the mine as a lucrative joint venture. The world's second-biggest copper operation had been idled since a mud flow killed seven, with the company estimating output would be curbed well into next year.

The resumption will provide some relief to the copper market after a string of mining accidents globally, which have crimped supply. Freeport operates two smelters in Indonesia, one of which can now be supplied by Grasberg. Freeport is scheduled to provide a briefing on Grasberg on Tuesday.



Copper Morning Technical (4-hour)



Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

Price is above the EMA support band (Black EMA's)

R3

11,012

The RSI is above 50 (53)

10,797

Stochastic is above

S3

- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 10,907
- Technically bearish yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported. The futures continued to see bid support; however, our Elliott wave analysis suggested that upside moves should be considered as countertrend, making USD 10,988 the key resistance to follow. If broken, then the probability of the futures trading to a new low would start to decrease. The longer-term technical was bullish, but I had the current upside move as countertrend (within the corrective phase), above USD 10,988 my analysis would become neutral, as a breach in my resistance would mean that the move was higher than I expected. We noted that If we closed and held above the linear regression line (USD 10,997), then it would indicate that buyside pressure was increasing, meaning the USD 11,200 fractal high would start to look vulnerable.
- The futures breached the USD 10,988 resistance yesterday but failed to hold above the linear regression line (USD 11,012), resulting in a small move lower in the Asian day session. We are above the EMA support band with the RSI above 50, intraday price and momentum are aligned to the sell side.
- A close on the 4-hour candle above USD 10,907 with the RSI at or above 58 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 10,727 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- Technically bearish with a neutral bias, the probability of the futures trading to a new high has started to decrease. As noted yesterday, this means that move we currently have a neutral bias, as the move has been higher than expected; however, as noted in the close report last night, for upside continuation, we need to close and hold above the linear regression line (USD 11,012), if we don't than support could come back under pressure, I was not convinced that we would go higher. The move lower means that price is approaching the lower channel support (USD 10,827), a close that holds below this level will have bearish implications, warning that the USD 10,727 Fibonacci support could be tested. If broken, it will mean price is back in bearish territory, supporting our original analysis.



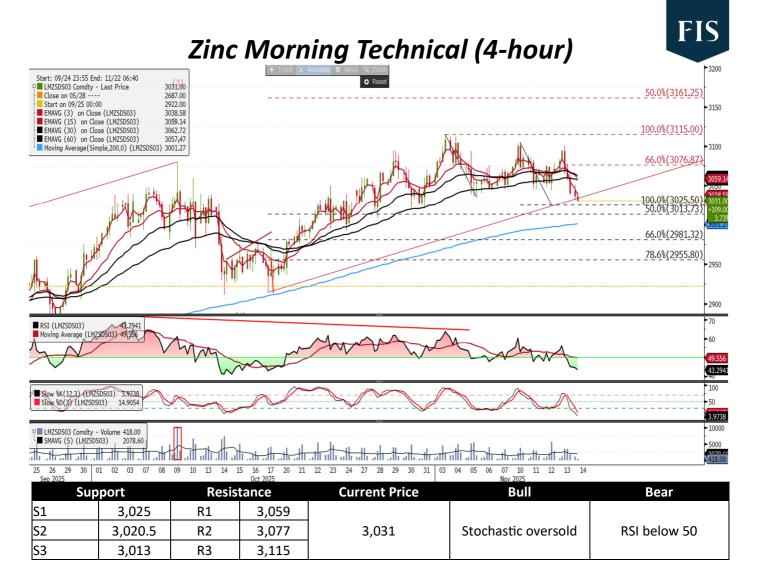
Aluminium Morning Technical (4-hour)



Source Bloomberg

Synopsis - Intraday

- Price is between the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (48)
- Stochastic is below 50
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 2,887
- Bearish with a neutral bias yesterday, the MA on the RSI implied that momentum was supported. Above USD 2,920 the technical would be bullish, confirming we are on an Elliott wave 5. Based on Fibonacci projection levels, this would suggest that we had a potential upside target at USD 3,052. However, we noted that USD 2,913 was two standard deviations above the linear regression line, suggesting that if tested price would starting to look over extended in the nearterm, whilst above USD 2,920 price would be in divergence with the RSI. Not a sell signal, the divergence warned that we could see a momentum slowdown, which needed to be monitored. The technical warned based on the divergence and linear regression that upside breakouts could struggle to hold.
- Having traded to a high of USD 2,911.5 the futures have now seen a technical pullback. We are between 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 2,887 with the RSI at or above 56 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,856 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical will be back in bearish territory.
- We reman bearish with a neutral bias, the MA on the RSI is flat, implying buyside momentum has slowed. Price is now approaching the USD 2,856 level, if it holds it will indicate that there is an underlying support in the market. Conversely, if broken it will mean price is back in bearish territory, suggesting we are looking at a more complex corrective phase. A close above the high of the last dominant bear candle (USD 2,902) will indicate that buyside pressure is increasing, leaving the USD 2,920 fractal high vulnerable. However, we continue to be cautious on upside breakouts, as USD 2,018 is two standard deviations above the linear regression line, whilst above USD 2,920 the futures will be in divergence, suggesting upside moves could struggle to hold.



Synopsis - Intraday Source Bloomberg

- Price is below the EMA support band (Black EMA's)
- RSI is below 50 (43)
- Stochastic is oversold
- Price is below the daily pivot point USD 3,059
- Unchanged on the technical yesterday, we remained bullish with price moving higher having held the EMA support
 band, suggesting the USD 3,115 fractal high could be tested and broken. However, above this level the futures would
 be in divergence with the RSI; not a sell signal, it warned that we could see a momentum slowdown, which needed to
 be monitored. We continued to be cautious on upside breakouts due to the divergence coming into play.
- The futures traded to a high of USD 3,100.5 before selling lower. 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 3,059 with the RSI at or above 46 will mean price and momentum are aligned to the buyside. Downside moves that hold at or above USD 2,981 will support a bull argument, below this level the technical would have a neutral bias.
- Technically bullish, the MA on the RSI implies that momentum is weak at this point. The move below USD 3,035.5 means that the futures have entered a more complex corrective phase, suggesting support levels could come under pressure. We highlight USD 3,025 as a level of interest, as it is the 100% Fibonacci projection of the previous wave, warning we could see buyside support entering the market around this area. If we hold, then resistance could come back under pressure; conversely, a close that holds below USD 3,025 will target the 200-period MA at USD 3,001. This is a benchmark average that market bulls will need to defend, as downside moves that hold below the average will target the USD 2,981 Fibonacci support. The futures failed to trade above the USD 3,115 fractal high yesterday due to the divergence, making USD 3,025 the key near-term support for directional bias.