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LOCATION	INCO TERM	PREMIUM IN USD/TONNE	LAST WEEK'S PRICE	NOTES
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>				
East Asia	P1020A Warrants IW	20-30	20-30	LME queue report showing two-month wait at Istim Port Klang at end of Sept. But participants note queue could be longer now due to 41,000t cancellation last week and logistics issues causing delays. Johor on-warrant stocks at 114,275t from 115,275t last week. Port Klang stockpile flat at 649,475t on-warrant. Total LME stocks fall to 1.45 million tonnes from 1.46 million tonnes last week, while on-warrant material flat at 1.21 million tonnes. LME stock reporting data for Aug shows more than 1.37 million tonnes remained off-warrant, of which more than 80% was held in Asia. Market awaits Sept report, scheduled for publication on Nov 10.
South East Asia	P1020A Warrants IW	20-30	20-30	See aluminium P1020 East Asian warrants INW.
United States	P1020A Warrants IW	115-125	115-125	
<b>COPPER</b>				
East Asia	grade A Warrant IW	20-30	20-30	
South East Asia	grade A Warrant IW	20-30	20-30	Low stocks keep premium high, but very weak premium in Shanghai and low demand elsewhere keeps appetite for warrants low. Substantial inflows into Busan, Kaohsiung and Singapore on Nov 3 raised on-warrant stocks in East Asia/Southeast Asia to 17,775t from 7,650t last week. Total on-warrant stocks at 128,150t.
North Europe	grade A Warrant IW	10-15	10-15	Ample availability and wide spreads keep premium steady. Some 77,150t on-warrant in Rotterdam, down 150t from last week. Just 6,775t on-warrant in other Northern European warehouses (Moerdijk, Vlissingen, Hull, Liverpool). Latest LME stock data showed that more than 100,000t sat off-warrant in Rotterdam.
Southern Europe	grade A Warrant IW	20-35	15-25	Premiums continue to rise, with quotes as high as \$40/t for material in Italy. Trieste stockpile down to 575t on-warrant. Bilbao LME inventory stable, with some 25,625t on-warrant in region. C/3M spread narrows to \$9/t contango.
United States	grade A Warrant IW	5-15	5-15	
<b>LEAD</b>				
East Asia	99.97% Warrants IW	10-20	10-20	Availability ample, demand weak amid steady contango. LME on-warrant stocks at 93,025t from 111,875t last week. Majority of interest remains in higher-quality 99.99% purity, which rarely enters LME clearing. C/3M spread contango narrows, last at \$11.40/t.
South East Asia	99.97% Warrants IW	10-20	10-20	
North Europe	99.97% Warrants IW	10-15	10-15	Demand muted. Physical market participants continue to source LME warrants to fulfill existing contracts. A number of market participants continue to sit on the sidelines, with weak interest in lead warrants in Europe. Around 70% of LME stocks are held in Europe but reportedly controlled by a few large participants.
Southern Europe	99.97% Warrants IW	10-15	10-15	
United States	99.97% Warrants IW	20-30	20-30	
<b>NICKEL</b>				
South East Asia	briquettes Warrants IW	10-15	10-15	Demand steady, availability ample. Bulk of market continues to see range at \$10-15/t. C/3M spread contango widens to \$34/t from relatively tight \$26/t last week. SHFE arbitrage opportunities remain slim despite consumers favoring cheaper supply ex-China with LME price strength continuing. SHFE now accepts briquette for forward delivery, with some participants anticipating greater arbitrage opportunities will soon emerge.

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<b>NICKEL (cont'd)</b>				
East Asia	briquettes Warrants IW	10-15	10-15	
South East Asia	Full plates Warrants IW	100-140	100-140	Very little interest seen in spot metal as markets await US election results for direction. Demand for full plate remains healthy, with Russian, Japanese cathode assessed as high as \$140/t. South Africa-origin material still said to be around \$50/t. Improving steel demand keeps interest steady amid surge in China iron ore imports and Brazilian exports.
East Asia	Full plates Warrants IW	100-140	100-140	
North Europe	Full plates Warrants IW	20-50	20-50	Buying incentives for nickel warrant purchase in Europe remain subdued. Availability in Europe remains strong, with some 29,802t on-warrant in Rotterdam. Total LME on-warrant stocks basically flat at 180,426t.
<b>TIN</b>				
South East Asia	>99.85% IW	70-150	70-150	Premium could soon be under pressure as contango fades to backwardation. Bulk of assessments support range. Indonesian material being sold upward of \$100/t. C/3M spread backwardation widens to \$20/t from \$5/t last week. LME warrant availability remains predominantly Indonesian and Malaysian material. Zero on-warrant tin in Los Angeles warehouses. Baltimore shed down to 40t. Port Klang stocks continue to build, with 2,875 on warrant. Total LME on-warrant stocks fall to 3,865t from 4,075t last week.
<b>ZINC</b>				
North Europe	SHG Warrants IW	50-60	50-70	Strongly held metal means premium remains relatively high. Some participants, when quoted \$50-60/t for warrants, opted to source from physical market. Demand steadily improving across Europe from low base. Dominant LME holder has 30-39% of warrant holdings. Ingot still available, while European LME warehouse inventory remains high at 36,775t. C/3M spread contango narrows to \$10/t from \$12/t last week. Total LME on-warrant stocks steady at 210,100t.
United States	SHG Warrants IW	5-10	5-10	

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