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Weekly Monitor: China's Central Bank Continues Gold Buying

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Key Takeaways

- According to Mysteel, China phased out c3.49mt and c3.10mt of steelmaking and ironmaking capacity in 9M26, respectively.
- Indonesia's aluminium exports in August jumped by 30.7% from the prior month to more than 150kt, or more than three times the amount exported a year earlier.
- China's lithium carbonate inventories declined by c6.2% over two weeks as of October 8.
- China's central bank increased gold holdings for the 23rd consecutive month. by 740k oz MoM.
- Indonesia plans to tighten the moratorium on new nickel smelters, restrict semi-finished projects.

Base metals: Shanghai copper prices inched up 0.2% and inventories rose 51.6% WoW. Shanghai aluminum prices declined 1.5% and inventories slipped 7.8% compared to a week ago.

Battery metals: Domestic industrial-grade and battery-grade hydroxide prices rose 1.0% and 0.9% WoW, respectively. Industrial- and battery-grade lithium carbonate prices both inched down by 0.4% WoW.

Gold: Prices fell by 1.1% WoW to US$4,133/oz.

Steel: Shanghai HRC and CRC prices edged down 0.6% and 0.2 WoW, respectively. Shanghai rebar prices inched up 0.2% while Tangshan billet prices decreased 1.0% WoW. Long steel inventories at traders decreased 2.4% while those of flat steel grew 5.7% WoW.

Coal: QHD5500 prices rose 1.7% WoW to Rmb767/t as of October 9; inventory slipped 3.0% WoW, to 6.05mnt. BSPI remained unchanged WoW.

Glass: Glass fiber industry average 2400tex prices remained at Rmb4,017/t. Float glass prices inched up 0.2% WoW. Solar glass 3.2mm tempered prices stayed at Rmb17/m^2.

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Exhibit 1: Price and Inventory Movements Snapshot

Steel	Price/Inventory	WoW	MoM	YoY	YTD
HR Sheet 3mm Shanghai	3,260	-0.6%	-3.3%	-2.7%	-0.6%
CR Sheet 1mm	3,764	-0.2%	-1.3%	-3.6%	-1.1%
Shanghai Rebar incl. 13% VAT (Rmb/t)	3,185	0.2%	2.7%	-1.1%	-2.1%
Tangshan Billet inc. 13% VAT (Rmb/t)	2,950	-1.0%	-2.3%	-0.7%	-3.3%
Flat Steel Inventory (mnt) - as of Oct 08	6,427	5.7%	6.0%	10.0%	47.1%
Long Steel Inventory (mnt) - as of Oct 08	4,855	-2.4%	-15.1%	-10.7%	50.7%
Iron ore-China import CFR (US$/t)	91	-2.2%	-8.1%	-12.5%	-12.5%
GP/ton - as of Oct 09	**Current**	**1-wk ago**	**1-mt ago**	**1-yr ago**	**end 2025**
HRC GP/t at Spot, est.(Rmb)	(194)	(179)	(29)	77	9
CRC GP/t at Spot, est.(Rmb)	(217)	(210)	(73)	92	45
Rebar GP/t at Spot, est.(Rmb)	(140)	(104)	(56)	60	119
Mid-Plate GP/t at Spot, est.(Rmb)	(52)	(43)	99	114	33
Base and Precious Metals	**Price/Inventory**	**WoW**	**MoM**	**YoY**	**YTD**
Copper Spot (Rmb/t)	111,760	0.2%	0.1%	34.4%	12.4%
- SHFE/LME Premium (Discount)	2.6%				
SHFE Inventory - Copper (Kt)	59	51.6%	-6.8%	-38.2%	-59.6%
Aluminum Spot (Rmb/t)	23,660	-1.5%	-3.7%	14.2%	5.3%
- SHFE/LME Premium (Discount)	3.0%				
SHFE Inventory - Aluminum (Kt)	266	-7.8%	-27.0%	115.5%	105.2%
Zinc Spot (Rmb/t)	25,840	-2.1%	-5.0%	18.8%	11.1%
- SHFE/LME Premium (Discount)	-9.5%				
Gold (US$/oz)	4,133	-1.1%	-6.1%	2.2%	-4.3%
Battery metals					
Industrial-grade lithium hydroxide - as of Oct 09	100,500	1.0%	-16.4%	46.9%	61.3%
Battery-grade lithium hydroxide - as of Oct 09	112,500	0.9%	-15.6%	52.9%	61.7%
Industrial-grade lithium carbonate - as of Oct 09	118,850	-0.4%	-15.6%	66.7%	65.5%
Battery-grade lithium carnobate- as of Oct 09	122,350	-0.4%	-15.5%	66.3%	63.0%
Coal					
China Qinhuangdao 5500kcal/kg Rmb/t	767	1.7%	3.5%	12.8%	8.2%
Qinhuangdao port inventory (mnt)	6.05	-3.0%	0.5%	10.6%	-7.9%
BSPI (Baohai Coal Index) Rmb/t	728	0.0%	1.1%	7.5%	3.6%
Glass					
Glass Fiber 2400tex Price - industry average (Rmb/t) - as of Oct 08	4,017	0.0%	-1.2%	4.3%	2.1%
Float Glass Price (Rmb/t) - as of Oct 08	1,176	0.2%	0.0%	-11.2%	-18.6%
PV Glass 3.2mm tempered (Rmb/m2) - as of Oct 08	17.0	0.0%	0.0%	-15.0%	-12.8%

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