



Angle post shelving unit



Angle post shelving unit comprising of dividers & 2 trays



Beaded box filling unit



Heavy Duty Racking



Library shelving wall mounted



Library shelving double sided



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Daily Mining Watch

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This is your daily dose of information on mineral prices, mineral commodity markets and mining company performance.

Quote of the Day: Precious metals prices are expected to average 13.2 percent higher in 2020. – World Bank Commodities Outlook, June 2020.

MINERAL PRICES

Precious Metals

Table 1: Precious Metal Prices -USD/oz

Metal	Current <small>Day close</small>	Previous <small>Day Close</small>	+/- (%)
Gold	1,780	1,773	+0.4%
Silver	18.20	17.85	+1.9%
Platinum	819	807	+1.5%
Palladium	1,873	1,838	+1.9%
Rhodium	5,800	5,800	-

According to the World Platinum Investment Council, the platinum price is currently near all-time lows relative to gold, and near record lows relative to its sister metal palladium. Platinum gained 1.5% to trade at USD819/oz from USD807/oz. Palladium led in gains by 1.9% to trade at USD1,873/oz from USD1,838/oz. Rhodium remained unchanged at USD5,800/oz. Gold gained 0.4% to trade at USD1,780/oz from USD1,773/oz. Silver followed suit gaining 1.9% to trade at USD18.20/oz up from USD17.85/oz.

Top gains

Lithium	2.0%
Palladium	1.9%
Silver	1.9%

Top losses

Nil

Covid-19 Count

Zimbabwe

Screened	68 400
Tested positive	605
Recovered	166
Deaths	7

Global

Tested positive	10.8M
Recovered	6.0M
Deaths	519K

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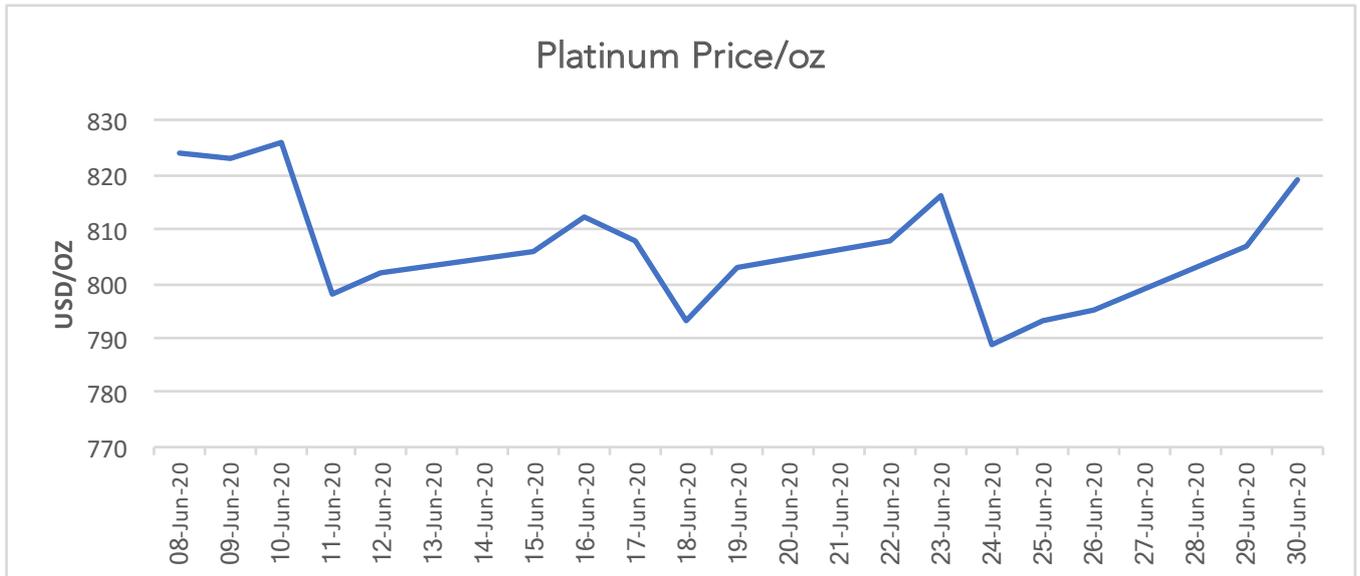
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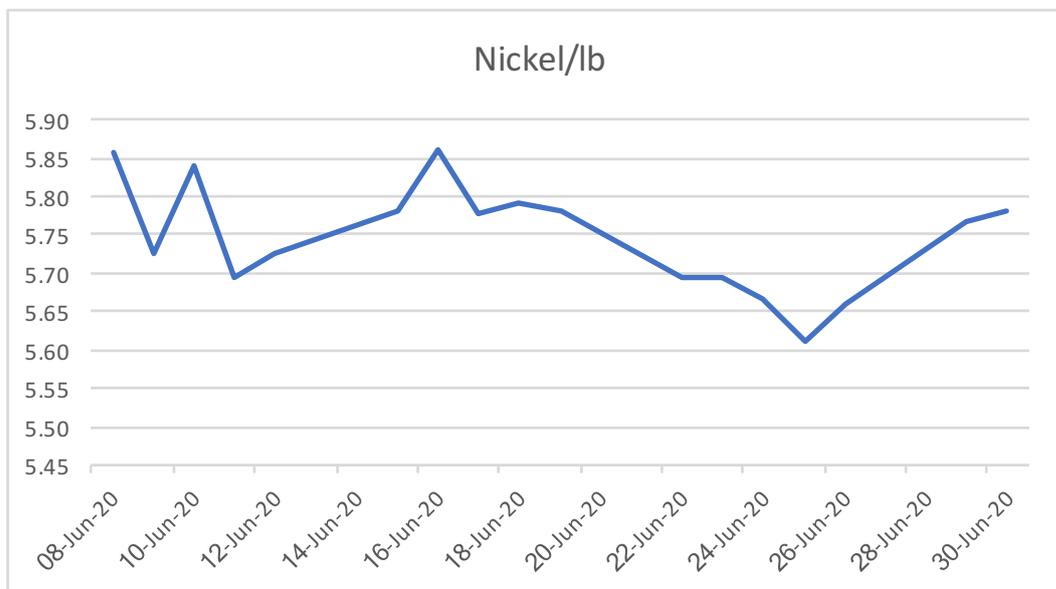


Base Metals

Table 2: Base Metal Prices - USD

Metal	Current Day Close	Previous Day Close	+/- (%)
Chrome/ton	436.28	436.28	-
Nickel/lb	5.78	5.77	+0.2%
Copper/lb	2.7331	2.72	+0.6%
Cobalt/ton	424.67	424.67	-
Aluminium/lb	0.7243	0.7163	+1.1%
Lead/lb	0.8030	0.802	+0.1%
Tin/ton	16,800	16,800	-
Zinc /lb	0.9244	0.92	+0.9%

Copper continued on an upward trend gaining 0.6% to trade at USDD2.7331/lb from 2.72/lb. Nickel firmed by 0.2% with the rest of the base metals showing more positive performance as the week opened.



Energy Materials

The Coal price traded steadily at USD40/ton in the month of June. Uranium also traded unchanged at USD32.80/ton.

Table 3: Energy Material Prices -USD

Metal	Current <small>day close</small>	Previous <small>day close</small>	+/- (%)
Coal/ton	40	40	-
Uranium/ton	32.80	32.80	-

Battery Materials

Although pressure on the lithium market has remained high as the Covid-19 pandemic has affected both supply and demand in a low market price environment, the battery material gained by 2% to trade at USD4,594/ton from USD4,502/ton the previous day. Vanadium and Graphite traded unchanged from previous day levels, at USD6.2/lb and USD1,800/ton respectively.

Table 4: Battery Materials Prices -USD

Metal	Current <small>day close</small>	Previous <small>day close</small>	+/- (%)
Lithium/ton	4,594	4,502	+2%
Vanadium/lb	6.2	6.2	-

MINERAL COMMODITY MARKETS

Trends across commodity markets were mixed in May – with iron ore, base metals and oil markets tracking higher, while hard coking coal was notably weaker. In the case of iron ore, supply side fears (due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Brazil) could keep prices elevated in the near term. Most other prices are below pre-COVID-19 levels.

The global economic environment remains weak – although a broad range of countries have started to ease restrictions, with activity indicators starting to recover. Global growth is expected to contract sharply in 2020, resulting in the largest downturn on record since the early 1950s (and likely since the Great Depression).

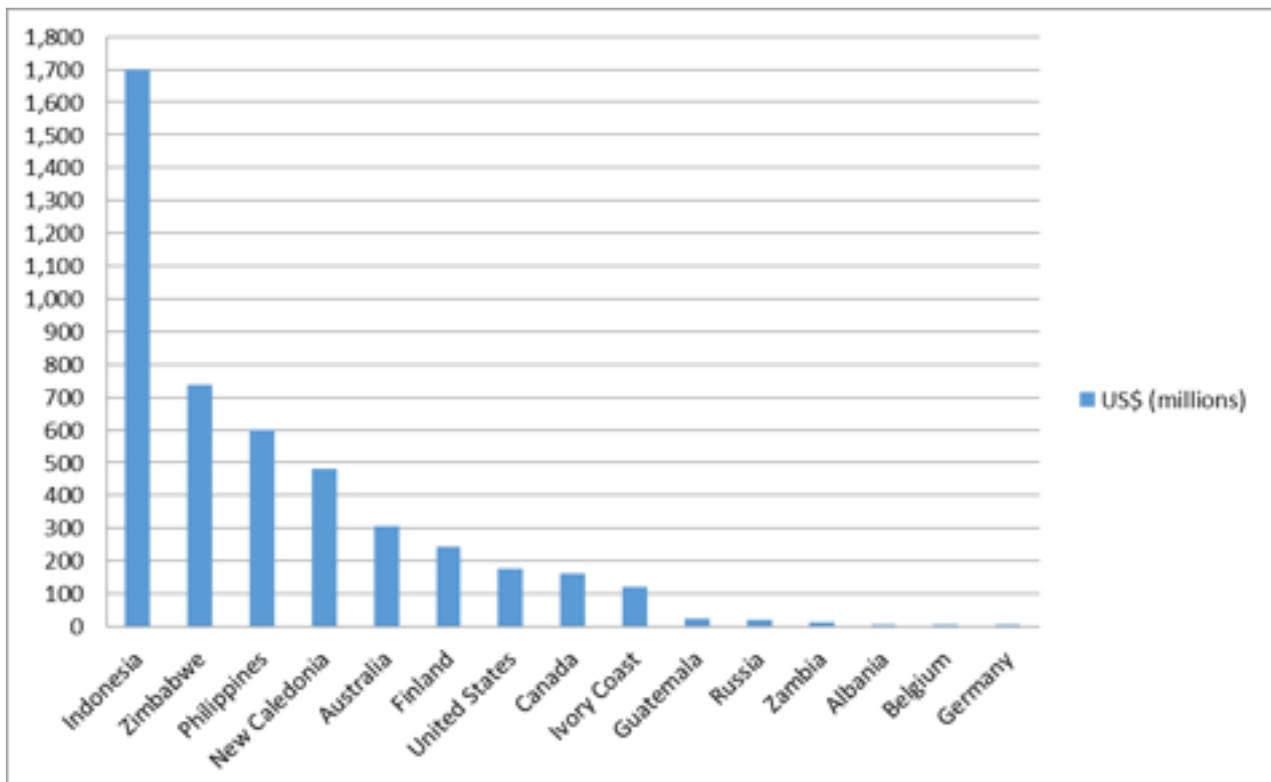
In annual average terms, US dollar denominated commodity prices are forecast to fall by 13.8% in 2020 – driven largely by falls in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and hard coking coal prices. We forecast a modest increase in prices in 2021 – up by 1.1%. – [National Australian Bank Minerals & Energy Outlook June 2020](#)

MINERAL OF THE DAY

Nickel

Nickel exports by country totalled US\$4.6 billion in 2019, accelerating by 61.5% for all nickel ores shippers over the five-year period starting in 2015. The value of exported nickel globally, spiked by an average of 61.1% from 2018 to 2019. By value, the listed 15 countries shipped 99.9% of global nickel exported in 2019. Among the top exporters, the fastest-growing nickel exporters since 2015 were: Belgium (up 3,100%), Zimbabwe (up 237.5%), Finland (up 135.1%) and Russia (up 119.5%).

Top Nickel Exports by Country 2019



MINING THE NEWS

Local Mining News

Premier African Minerals appoints Non-Executive Chair

Zimbabwe focused miner, Premier African Minerals has appointed Neil Herbert as its non-executive chairman with immediate effect. George Roach, who was acting chairman, reverts to his role of chief executive. Commenting on the development, Roach said, "I am grateful that Neil Herbert has accepted this appointment and particularly at this time when our company is looking to exploit the opportunities both for cash generative assets

and to add value as we anticipate granting of our EPO application at Zulu Lithium and Tantalum and through our existing and recently acquired exploration and development projects. I look forward to further board and management changes and a stronger focus on operational efficiencies, improvements and value generation," he said. – [Newsday 2 July 2020](#)

Prospect's Arcadia Lithium offtake agreement stalls

PROSPECT Resources says the initial exclusive period it signed with SC-Sibelco N.V to negotiate and execute a Binding Offtake Agreement for the Arcadia Lithium project in Zimbabwe has lapsed and the parties have given themselves up to September to conclude the negotiations. Prospect Resources is presently developing the Arcadia lithium project East of Harare in Goromonzi. In April

this year, Prospect announced that it had signed an agreement with SC-Sibelco N.V (Silbeco), a European-based distribution company for the uptake of its ultra-low iron petalite. If an agreement is not reached by September, the two parties would have to terminate the negotiations. – [The Chronicle 1 July 2020](#)

Hwange US\$10m power plant construction under way

CONSTRUCTION of a US\$10 million 300MW power plant by Zimbabwe ZhongXin Electric Energy (ZZEE) in Hwange, Matabeleland North Province is underway with the first phase of the project expected to produce 50MW by October this year. ZZEE is a subsidiary of the Zimbabwe ZhongXin Coking Company (ZZCC), a joint venture project between Qualisave Mineral Resources of Zimbabwe and Yuxia ZhongXin Coking Company of China. Briefing Mines and Mining Development Minister Winston Chitando and his Finance and Economic Development counterpart

Professor Mthuli Ncube during a tour of coal and coking coal companies in Hwange on Friday, ZZEE assistant plant manager, Andreas Hlabangana, said despite investing in coking coal production, they were also building a 300MW power plant whose construction began last year. "ZZCC has embarked on building a coal-driven power station on the outskirts of Hwange along the Hwange Victoria Falls road, which when completed will contribute 300MW into the national grid," he said. – [The Chronicle 1 July 2020](#)

MINING THE NEWS

International Mining News

Platinum Group Metals hope to catch a lift from Gold

Sales of platinum bullion products – retail bars and coins – surged to record highs in the first three months of 2020, with purchases made in the period totalling 312 koz, said the World Platinum Investment Council in a news release published today. The annualised rate is five-times higher than that experienced in any other year in the last forty years, said the council. Platinum prices are still lagging when compared to gold, which may explain the surge in orders. This week gold hit an 8.5-year high and traded above the \$1,800 an ounce level. August platinum futures are currently trading at \$825.30.

“Platinum’s price is currently near all-time lows relative to gold, and near record lows relative to its sister metal palladium,” writes the council. “It is widely understood that this

increased demand came from savvy industrial and manufacturing buyers – including jewellery fabricators – exercising a value-led response and taking the opportunity to increase stock levels.” The council is monitoring Asian markets to see if there is an uptick in PGM sales after COVID-19 related disruptions.

“The platinum jewellery market in India suffered more than other markets as steps to reduce the impact of the pandemic caused the cancelling of important festivals and the key wedding season in quarter one. However, PGI believes that, looking ahead, the platinum jewellery market here is also well-positioned to take advantage of low metal prices, as well as benefit from possible industry consolidation. –

[Kitco News, 1 July 2020](#)

London vaults saw record gold inventories in March - LBMA

Gold played a critical role in financial markets as the global economy grounded to a halt because of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the latest trade data from the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA).

In its latest clearing statistics, published Wednesday the LBMA said that as of end March, London vaults held a record high of 8,515 tonnes of gold, valued at a record high of \$440.5 billion. The vaults also help a record high of 36,570 tonnes of silver, valued at \$16.4 billion. “This equates to approximately 681,239 gold bars and 1,218,984 silver bars,” the LBMA said in the report.

However the latest trade data shows that

interest in gold and silver slowed slightly in May, in a continued downtrend after unprecedented activity in March. The number of gold ounces transferred in May decreased to 22.3 million ounces a decrease of 6.5% month-over-month; however, on an annual basis, trading activity was 20% higher compared to 2019, the LBMA said. The corresponding value of gold transferred fell by 4.6% month-on-month but was 60% higher year-on-year at \$38.2 billion per day, the LBMA said. There was an average of 3,900 transfers per day in May, down by 10.8% the month, with clearers settling on average 5,723 ounces per transfer.

Meanwhile, in the silver market, the LBMA said 295.5 million ounces were transferred in May, which was 5.1% higher month-on-month and 40% higher year-on-year.

The corresponding value transferred was a daily average of \$4.8 billion, which was 13.5% lower from the prior month and 55% higher than in the same period a year ago. The number of transfers daily in May averaged

2,224, which was 22.3% higher than the prior month, with the clearers settling on average 132,906 ounces per transfer. Increased interest in silver helped push the average gold-silver ratio in May to 105.7 points down from April's average record high of 111.9. – [Kitco News, 1 July 2020](#)

Weak demand weighs on Europe's ferro-chrome markets

The European markets for both high- and low-carbon ferro-chrome, delivered, softened in the week ended Friday June 26 in response to weak consumption. Both consumers and producers of ferro-chrome said that they would be reducing their outputs by more than usual during the summer slowdown in 2020, in response to the low economic activity.

Fastmarkets' weekly assessment of the price for ferro-chrome, high carbon, 6-8.5% C, basis 60-70% Cr, max 1.5% Si, delivered Europe, widened to \$0.825-1.05 per lb Cr on June 26.

This was the second consecutive week when the price range widened, with low consumption weighing on the bottom end. The range had been \$0.86-1.02 per lb Cr on June 12.

"Demand is so feeble that our order book is wafer thin, so we don't need to do any spot business," a consumer told Fastmarkets.

Another producer said that it would not offer into the spot market until both price and demand had recovered. It hoped that stimulus measures in Europe would support demand.

At the same time, some stainless steel mills have moved from consuming charge chrome to

high-carbon ferro-chrome, which has provided some support for high-carbon ferro-chrome prices.

Exports of charge chrome from South Africa into Europe have been hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic. This has encouraged the switch to high-carbon ferro-chrome among some consumers despite the technical difficulties involved, according to some sources. "We are eating up ground that used to be filled by charge chrome at the moment," a producer said.

Meanwhile, Fastmarkets' assessment of the price for ferro-chrome, 0.10% C, average 65-70% Cr, delivered Europe, widened to \$1.53-1.75 per lb Cr on June 26 from \$1.73-1.90 per lb Cr on June 12. Producers were being aggressive in the competition for business.

"Consumers are attempting to postpone or even cancel deliveries," one producer said.

"We are all fighting like hell for each and every order." – [Fastmarkets, 1 July 2020](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gold Watch: Effects of the Gold Price Rally In Africa

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