Commodity Daily Market Watch

Date: 27th April, 2012



Daily Snapshot

| Precious Metals | Previous (INR) | Net Chg(%) | Previous Close (\$) | Net Chg (%) | YTD % Chg |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| GOLD | 29030.00 | (+0.66) | 1657.43 | (+0.84) | +5.77 |
| SILVER | 55924.00 | (+1.32) | 31.09 | (+1.25) | +11.57 |

| Base Metals | Previous (INR) | Net Chg(%) | Previous (\$) | Net Chg (%) | YTD % Chg |
|-------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| ALUMINIUM | 107.65 | (+0.42) | 2086.00 | (+0.72) | +3.51 |
| COPPER | 436.20 | (+1.64) | 8320.00 | (+1.40) | +9.47 |
| LEAD | 110.70 | (+1.28) | 2122.00 | (+1.48) | +4.03 |
| NICKEL | 952.90 | (+2.94) | 18200.00 | (+3.38) | (2.59) |
| ZINC | 106.00 | (+1.10) | 2037.00 | (+1.57) | +9.81 |

| Energy | Previous (INR) | Net Chg(%) | Previous (\$) | Net Chg (%) | YTD % Chg |
|-------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| CRUDE OIL | 5504.00 | 0.00 | 104.55 | (+0.41) | +5.36 |
| NATURAL GAS | 116.80 | (+3.18) | 2.04 | (-1.55) | (28.64) |

| LME Inventory | | As on date 26th April 2012 |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | Change | Net |
| ALUMINIUM | (9325.00) | 5046350.00 |
| COPPER | (1050.00) | 255350.00 |
| LEAD | (1250.00) | 365475.00 |
| NICKEL | (96.00) | 100734.00 |
| ZINC | (100.00) | 910675.00 |
| TIN | +15.00 | 13890.00 |

| Important Upcoming Economic Data | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Date Time | Event | Survey | Actual | Prior | |
| 04/27/2012 18:00 | Employment Cost Index | +0.50% | | +0.40% | |
| 04/27/2012 18:00 | GDP QoQ (Annualized) | +2.50% | | +3.00% | |
| 04/27/2012 18:00 | Personal Consumption | +2.30% | | +2.10% | |
| 04/27/2012 18:00 | GDP Price Index | +2.10% | | +0.90% | |
| 04/27/2012 18:00 | Core PCE QoQ | +2.10% | | +1.30% | |
| 04/27/2012 19:25 | U. of Michigan Confidence | +75.7 | | +75.7 | |

| Currency Updates | Previous | % Chg | YTD % Chg |
|------------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| EURINR | 69.41 | (0.04) | +0.97 |
| GPBINR | 85.01 | +0.43 | +3.22 |
| JPYINR | 0.65 | +0.20 | (6.28) |
| USDINR | 52.56 | +0.02 | +0.94 |
| DOLLAR INDEX | 78.92 | (0.12) | (1.28) |

Bullions, Base-Metals and Energy Updates

Bullions

- ⇒ Gold rose the most in two weeks on speculation that the Federal Reserve may increase stimulus measures to bolster the U.S. economy after more Americans than forecast filed applications for unemployment benefits last week. Jobless claims fell by 1,000 to 388,000 in the week ended April 21, from a revised 389,000 a week earlier, which was the highest since early January, Labor Department figures showed today. The median forecast of 48 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News called for a drop to 375,000. Fed Chairman Ben S. Bernanke said yesterday that the central bank will do more to fuel growth if necessary.
- ⇒ Gold futures for June delivery rose 1.1 percent to settle at \$1,660.50 an ounce at 1:48 p.m. on the Comex in New York, the biggest gain for a most-active contract since April 12. The precious metal has gained 6 percent this year. Silver futures for July delivery jumped 2.8 percent to \$31.276 an ounce on the Comex, the biggest gain since April 12.
 - Base- Metals
- ⇒ Copper pared a second weekly advance after Spain's sovereign debt rating was cut for a second time by Standard & Poor's and Standard Chartered Plc. said stockpiles in China climbed to a record, adding demand concerns. The metal for delivery in three months fell as much as 0.5 percent to \$8,281.50 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange and traded at \$8,282 by 10:33 a.m. Shanghai time. The contract climbed to \$8,341 yesterday, the highest level since April 10, and rose 1.1 percent this week. July-delivery metal dropped 0.3 percent to \$3.7630 a pound on the Comex.
- ⇒ S&P lowered Spain's long-term grade to BBB+ from A, with a negative outlook. Spain's short-term rating was reduced to A-2 from A-1, New York-based S&P said in a statement yesterday. The nation's 10-year borrowing costs have climbed about 70 basis points this year. The August-delivery contract on the Shanghai Futures Exchange was little changed at 58,340 yuan (\$9,252) a ton. Total copper stockpiles in China probably climbed to an all-time high of about 1 million tons, with those in bonded warehouses at 600,000 tons, said Standard Chartered analysts Judy Zhu and Han Pin Hsi in a report. On the LME, aluminum and tin were little changed at \$2,087 and \$22,300 per ton. Zinc fell 0.7 percent to \$2,023.25 a ton, lead dropped 0.3 percent to \$2,115 a ton and nickel lost 0.2 percent to \$18,160 a ton.

Energy

- ⇒ Oil rose to a one-week high after pending U.S. home sales gained more than forecast in March and the dollar decreased against most major currencies, bolstering the appeal of commodities to investors. Futures climbed as much as 0.8 percent after the index of pending home purchases rose 4.1 percent to 101.4, the highest level since April 2010, according to the National Association of Realtors. The median forecast of 43 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News was a 1 percent rise. The Dollar Index fell for a third day in a row, extending the five-day loss to 0.8 percent.
- ⇒ Crude oil for June delivery rose 34 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$104.46 a barrel at 1:32 p.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Futures touched \$104.92, the highest level since April 17. Prices are up 5.7 percent this year. Brent oil for June settlement increased 76 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$119.88 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. The European benchmark contract's premium to West Texas Intermediate crude traded in New York was at \$15.42, up from \$15 yesterday.

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Commodity Trading Strategies

| Commodity | Month | Trend | Support 1 | Support 2 | Resistance 1 | Resistance 2 | Trading calls for the day |
|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Gold | June | Sideways Up | 28879 | 28764 | 29070 | 29146 | |
| Silver | May | Sideways Down | 55439 | 54979 | 56178 | 56457 | - |
| Crude Oil | May | Sideways Up | 5477 | 5453 | 5522 | 5543 | |
| Natural Gas | May | Sideways Down | 114.3 | 111.1 | 120.4 | 123.2 | |
| Copper | April | Sideways Down | 429.7 | 424.7 | 437.7 | 440.7 | |
| Nickel | April | Sideways Up | 931.4 | 913.2 | 960.8 | 972.1 | |
| Aluminum | April | Down | 107.1 | 106.6 | 107.8 | 108.2 | |
| Lead | April | Sideways | 109.35 | 108.2 | 111.25 | 112 | - |
| Zinc | April | Sideways | 104.8 | 103.8 | 106.5 | 107.2 | - |
| Gold \$ | Spot | Sideways Up | 1661.15 | 1635.76 | 1665.1 | 1672.24 | |
| Silver \$ | Spot | Sideways Down | 30.78 | 30.4 | 31.39 | 31.62 | - |

*Figures in INR unless indicated otherwise

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