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**Eurometaux meets president Barroso**



On 25 February, Guy Thiran, together with colleagues from Business Europe and the main sectoral European industry associations, met with Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. Following the individual sectors' interventions, Eurometaux focused on 3 aspects under the Commission's direct control for which actions are urgently needed by the non-ferrous metals industry, and which would rapidly deliver positive effects: 1. The announced adjustments in the state aid rules (to be developed by the Commission) need to be made as quickly as possible, to enable the member states to develop a system of full-cost compensation for the indirect effects of the current ETS, also for sectors which are not (yet) covered by the EU ETS. 2. Even if they have a long-term effect, measures to improve the functioning of the electricity market need to be developed and accelerated. Of more ..read more

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**Metal Prices**

Non Ferrous Metal prices  
LME official of 03/04/2009

	Cash (ASK)	3 months (ASK)
Aluminium	0	0
Aluminium alloy	0	0
Nickel	0	0
Lead	0	0
Copper	0	0
Tin	0	0
Zinc	0	0

**Technical analysis: by Kauffmann & Sons**



**Aluminium QUOTATION (USD)**

	3 MONTH		CASH		Support
	BID	ASK	BID	ASK	
Resistance					
1430	1330	1340	1295	1305	1280
1370					1250
	Totals		Movements		
STOCKS	3243900		17200		
RSI	40,22				
Short period trend			SIDE		
Medium period trend			DOWN		

ASK : the quoted market selling price.  
 BID: the quoted market buying price  
 CASH: the current price in the market for cash/spot contracts  
 3 MONTHS: the current price in the market for a delivery delayed of 3 months  
 SUPPORT: a price area where new buying is likely to come in and stem any decline  
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