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BaseMetals.com goes LIVE

Today sees the much-awaited launch of the new metals website **BaseMetals.com**. Like its sister-website in the precious metals field called **TheBullionDesk.com**, BaseMetals.com also seeks to provide the fastest and the most complete source of information serving these important industrial markets.

On the news front, BaseMetals.com provides users with an abundance of news aggregated from across the internet plus research from many of the leading metals traders and banks from around the world. In addition, BaseMetals.com provides its own in-house market commentary which is piped directly onto the website.

In its ambition to provide the complete source of market information - BaseMetals.com is an authorized distributor of both the LME (London Metal Exchange) and COMEX exchanges. Subscribers will have access to a rich array of real-time or delayed data according to their choice of service. LME market data includes all main contracts as well as a powerful averages and forwards explorers, a warehouse stocks explorer and a traded volumes explorer. Among the unique features available is a real-time representation of trading on the LME Rings which provides real-time reporting of the open outcry activity. The COMEX service includes all Aluminium and Copper futures contracts on both the main and access sessions and an advanced options contract explorer. Other market information includes extended historical market data, a market events section, presentations, jobs and even a library of relevant books/reports. Real time currencies and relevant mining stock prices are also provided free of charge.

Although maintaining a free offering, BaseMetals.com provides different levels of subscription to cater for varying requirements. These include the BASEMETALS LITE subscription (\$80 p.c.m. or \$800 p.a.) giving access to premium research and delayed LME and COMEX prices. The BASEMETALS LME subscription (\$250 p.c.m or \$2,500 p.a.) gives real-time access to all of the LME data as well as delayed COMEX prices. The BASEMETALS COMEX subscription (\$220 p.c.m or \$2,200 p.a.) offers the opposite mix, with live COMEX prices and delayed LME prices, whilst the flagship BASEMETALS LME COMEX subscription (\$310 p.c.m or \$3,100 p.a.) offers the complete solution with the full range of real-time prices. All of the subscriptions offering real-time data include the relevant exchange fees making them extremely competitive.

The Premium package also provides users with our state-of-the-art interactive charting tools which, in addition to permitting DIY studies of the principle metals, also allows for the charting of a significant number of crosses. In addition we offer our unique WorkStation which allows users to create and save a number of chart studies simultaneously in a single window, creating the sort of information formerly only available in dealing rooms. "The charting tools have proven a great success with users of TheBullionDesk.com in that they provide charting of a large number of instruments, over a wide variety of timescales, to which one can apply a long list of studies such as trendlines, moving averages, rate of change, stochastics to name just a few - we expect an equal

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appetite for this unique offering from base metals users” said Austin Kiddle, one of the web designers at BaseMetals.com.

Commenting at the launch, Director Dominic Hall said that much of the strength of the website lies in its technical architecture which allows for a high degree of automation in key areas, particularly those relating to data - whilst providing great flexibility at the front end so that our editorial staff have scope to manage the look and feel of the site with minimal time and effort”.

BaseMetals.com promises a host of additional new features during 2005 including an SMS alert service which advises you when any metal hits the level in any major currency that user specifies. BaseMetals.com are also in discussion with a number of leading players in the market to provide new sources of research and market analysis for its Premium subscribers.

BaseMetals.com is owned and operated by TheBullionDesk Limited.

About TheBullionDesk Limited



TheBullionDesk Limited operates two websites (TheBullionDesk.com and BaseMetals.com) and provides risk management / trade capture software for the commodities and bullion banking sector. It also provides independent research on the metals sectors.

TheBullionDesk.com was formed by three former members of the London Bullion Market in October 1999 with the express aim of being the “definitive online resource for live precious metals information and services”. The business remains the leading precious metals website and boasts the world’s largest single source of market news, real-time spot and futures market prices, state-of-the-art charting tools and research both from the leading bullion banks - plus in-house market analysis created by its own researchers. The website seeks to provide the most complete source of market intelligence and to that end provides users with research from many leading bullion houses such as HSBC, UBS, JP Morgan, ScotiaMocatta, Standard Bank, Mitsubishi, Macquarie, Commerzbank and NM Rothschild & Sons.

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