

To: All members and other interested parties

Ref: 26/068

Classification: Trading

Date: 16 March 2026

Subject: **DISRUPTION EVENT**

### Summary

1. The LME's primary electronic matching engine encountered an issue at 14.43, which caused electronic trading to enter a technical halt. The inter-office market remained open at all times.
2. The secondary matching engine was immediately available, but because market participants needed to re-connect and re-input orders, and because the LME's pricing window runs from 16.00-17.00, the LME decided to operate its backup Closing Prices approach. This was used to produce the Closing Prices, which were published at the usual times. Although all Closing Prices were produced, per the LME's usual process, a Disruption Event was declared, because the system issue affected the ability of market participants to hedge at the relevant prices.
3. The electronic market was then restarted on the secondary matching engine at 17.30, after the Closing Prices process, and trading is scheduled to continue as normal until 19.00.

### Disruption Event Notification

4. Market participants are advised of the Disruption Event detailed below.

<b>Date</b>	16 Mar 2026
<b>Metal</b>	Primary Aluminium Copper Zinc Lead Nickel Tin Aluminium Alloy NASAAC Cobalt Aluminium Premium Future - East Asia Aluminium Premium Future - North America Aluminium Premium Future - South East Asia Aluminium Premium Future - Western Europe



<b>Reference price</b>	Disrupted Closing Prices
<b>Reason</b>	Market suspension

#### **Further Information**

5. For further information on Disruption Events, please see Notice 22/092.
6. Please direct any questions to [tradingoperations@lme.com](mailto:tradingoperations@lme.com).

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