

Ivent Solutions Market Trend Update

November 2018



Possible Signs of MLCC Shortage

Easing

Ivent has noted that some OEM suppliers are now accepting orders again for inventory of MLCC. These OEM have previously refused orders, but are now providing for new quotation requests and purchase orders. Pricing has eased slightly with common values such as 100nF 0603 X7R 50V reducing slightly in price, but still much higher than 12-18 months ago. The manufacturers do seem to be focused only on the E24 range of values, at common tolerances and voltages. Any precision type tolerances, high voltage ratings or large case size products are still problematic to the supply chain.



Electric IMP goes LTE

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electricimp.com/cellular/cellular-iot-reinvented/

Recent Strength in NZD/USD May Not Last

The pro-risk New Zealand Dollar was on pace last week to mark its best performance against the US Dollar in almost two months. After a shaky October for global stock markets, November began on an upbeat as the S&P 500 set itself up for the most upside progress over the course of one week since March. The backdrop for this optimism seemed to be a cool down in the US China trade war.

This coming months hold a level of uncertainty for NZD prices given multiple critical event risks. Starting with domestic concerns, the New Zealand Dollar awaits both a jobs report and an RBNZ rate decision. The former is due first and may even surprise with an upside (as with the recent GDP figures).

The central bank has been relatively quiet and has given no clear signs that the stronger third quarter inflation report might tilt their forward guidance into favoring a rate hike. At the moment, policymakers have left the door open to a cut. Should the status quo remain the case, we may see a selloff in the New Zealand Dollar as bets on the CPI data (and possibly jobs too) unwind and vice versa.

In the bigger picture, the New Zealand Dollar awaits the outcome of the US 2018 midterms. Polls are anticipating for Democrats to gain control of the House of Representatives while Republicans maintain a narrow majority in the Senate. As such, the markets are probably pricing that in and an outcome in line with expectations may not do much to surprise traders. Thus the unexpected outcome would be Republicans holding both houses or Democrats gaining control of them. The former allows for US President Donald Trump to pursue his trade agenda without much interruption and vice versa. Given these uncertainties, the NZD outlook will have to be **NEUTRAL**.



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NZD versus AUD - AU\$0.925 vs NZ\$1.00



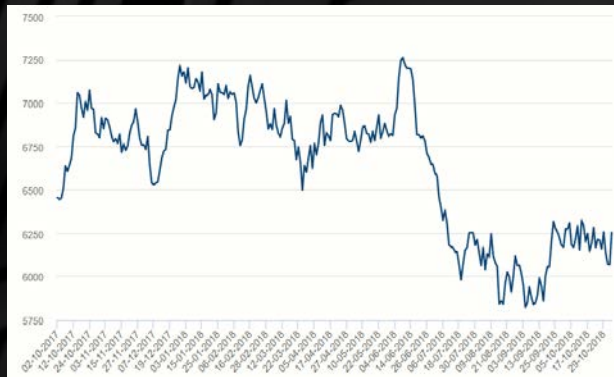
NZD versus USD - US\$0.660 vs NZ\$1.00



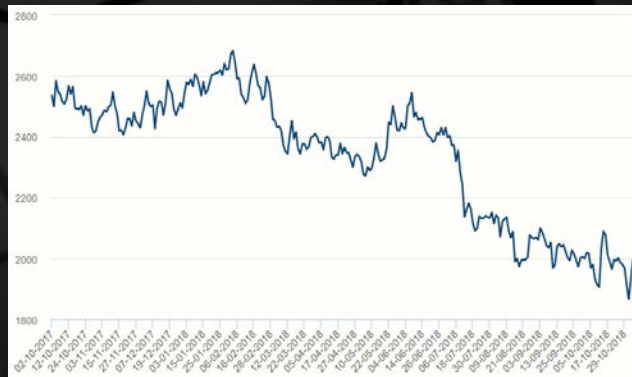
NZD versus EUR - EU\$0.580 vs. NZ\$1.00



Copper - USD6250 / tonne



Lead - USD2000 / tonne



Nickel - USD12000 / tonne

