

Can the Democratic Republic of the Congo produce lithium-ion battery cathode precursor materials?

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Should lithium-ion batteries be expanded to DRC and Africa?

"As substantiated by the BloombergNEF report, the prospect of the expanding the value chain of development of lithium-ion batteries and electric vehicles value chains to DRC and Africa is both financially and environmentally appealing," commented Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

How much cobalt does the DRC produce?

"The DRC produces about 70 per cent of global cobalt but captures just 3 percent of the battery and electric vehicle value chain.

How much would a DRC plant cost?

This is three times cheaper than what a similar plant in the U.S. would cost. A similar plant in China and Poland would cost an estimated \$112 million and \$65 million, respectively. Precursor material produced at plants in the DRC could be cost competitive with material produced in China and Poland but with a lower environmental footprint.

How can Africa extend its access to the battery industry?

In so doing, the country and the rest of Africa can extend their access from the USD271 billion battery precursor segment to the more lucrative USD1.4 trillion combined battery cell production and cell assembly segments of the battery minerals global value chain.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken signed a memorandum of understanding with the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia to explore ways to support their plan to develop an electric-vehicle value chain together. The two Central African countries are major producers of copper and cobalt, key metals in electric vehicles and batteries.

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can make it a low-cost and low-emissions manufacturer of cathode precursor materials for lithium-ion batteries.

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The mineral-rich Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is often portrayed as a victim of exploitation by China, the US and Europe in their competition for its minerals, which are critical for the energy transition. But our research has found that the DRC can influence the shape of the cobalt market, in which it is the single largest producer.

The leaders of the Congolese Battery Council -CCB-, a state structure created on December 6, 2022, discussed, on Monday December 11, 2023, with experts and investors around the feasibility of its sovereign mission mainly focused on the creation of a value chain for the manufacturing of batteries and electric vehicles during this period of ...

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