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How has China's breakthrough in Lithium Exploration boosted its global share?

China's breakthrough in lithium exploration has boosted its global share of lithium reserves from 6 to 16.5 percent, raising its global ranking from sixth to second and enhancing its new energy vehicle capacity, the China Geological Survey announced on Wednesday.

Why did China enter the global lithium carbonate market?

Although China had salt lakes with high resource value, it made a breakthrough in the key technology of purifying the old brine solution in 2004, which enabled China to enter the global lithium carbonate market.

Why does China have a low lithium reserve?

This is because China's lithium resources are characterised by a scattered distribution and inferior quality. According to the statistics published by USGS, China has a lithium reserve of 5.4 metric tonnes, accounting for an estimated 13% of the total lithium reserve globally.

What is China's lepidolite used for?

Xiong Wei, lithium advisor at Traxys, also emphasized at the conference that China's lepidolite, a hard rock that is typically used for lithium carbonate production, alongside spodumene and brines, is integral to the global lithium supply. Almost all lithium carbonate produced from lepidolite in China is used in the lithium-ion battery sector.

Which country has the largest lithium reserves?

Although China has the largest lithium reserves after Chile, Australia, and Argentina, the reserves of lithium have fallen sharply, and over 85 % of the lithium is stored in brine, which has a high magnesium-to-lithium ratio and is difficult to develop. Therefore, China has to rely on imports to ensure lithium utilization.

Why did global lithium carbonate smelting capacity rise 22%?

Global lithium carbonate capacity rose 22% to 408,000 mt/year. At present, more than 95% of the global lithium hydroxide smelting capacity is located in China, and some new overseas capacity has not yet been put into operation. Therefore, the increase in the output is mainly contributed by the leading domestic smelters.

China is the world's largest consumer and producer of lithium carbonate and the GFEX contract was launched on July 21, after the exchange was set up in 2021 to focus on new energy materials.

The overseas capacity expansion was mainly contributed by Sociedad Quimica y Minera (SQM); China's new capacity mainly came from Chengxin Lithium and Lanke Lithium. It is expected that the compound growth ...

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A Magnet for Battery-makers. In 2021, the lithium capital generated revenue of CNY45.5 billion (USD 6.68 billion). The local government announced in October 2022 that 133 projects related to the lithium battery ...

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Mining the metal from a rock called lepidolite, Yichun aims to quadruple its output to about 350,000 metric tons of lithium carbonate equivalent (LCE) by 2025, or as much as the world's top ...

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This potential dependence on foreign sources -- especially China -- for such a critical resource, particularly given lithium's importance in batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage ...

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