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China's Zijin Mining Group Co. aims to start producing lithium in the Democratic Republic of Congo early next year from one of the world's largest deposits of the battery metal. Published Jan 07,2025 o Last updated Jan 07,2025 o 3 minute read Lithium Photographer: Cynthia R Matonhodze/Bloomberg Photo by Cynthia R Matonhodze /Bloomberg

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(Bloomberg) -- China's Zijin Mining Group Co. aims to start producing lithium in the Democratic Republic of Congo early next year from one of the world's largest deposits of the battery metal. Zijin is accelerating activity at a site in southeast Congo that's still claimed by AVZ Minerals Ltd.

Where are the lithium mining concessions in the DRC?

Most lithium mining concessions in the DRC are close to the southern town of Manono, pictured here. (Image by Tom Skrinar, Flickr). A new investigation by Global Witness looking into the Democratic Republic of Congo's nascent lithium sector sounds the alarm bell on a swathe of potential supply chain risks.

Will hard-rock lithium be exploited in the DRC?

Global Witness' report raises key questions around how future production and its environmental impacts will be managed and who stands to benefit if the DRC's deposits of hard-rock lithium are exploited to meet the growing demand for minerals critical to renewable energy technologies.

Did Kabila hold concessions on DRC's lithium deposits?

A report by Global Witness states that concessions on and around DRC's lithium deposits are or were held by or involved people with close business relationships with former President Joseph Kabila.

Could Manono be the world's largest source of battery metal?

The Manono project in the Democratic Republic of Congo has the potential to be one of the world's largest sources of the battery metal but, after acquiring exploration rights seven years ago, AVZ has found itself locked in lawsuits and arbitration against its partners and the Congolese government.

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set the factory on fire on Monday, killing 22 ...

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Cobalt is used in Lithium-ion batteries. Apple, Google, and Tesla have been named in a lawsuit alleging that tech companies knowingly used Cobalt from the Democratic Republic of Congo that was mined by children in the making of Lithium-ion batteries.

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Three companies - AVZ Minerals, Critical Resources and Tantalum Resources - have publicly announced plans to carry out lithium exploration or production at mining concessions in the area.

The Manono project, one of the world's largest lithium-rich pegmatite deposits, marks Congo's entry into lithium mining, which is the world's second-largest copper producer ...

Cobalt is a critical element in many lithium-ion battery technologies, which are used in most consumer electronics such as mobile phones and laptops; and more ...

Common types of lithium-based secondary batteries include lithium-ion batteries (LIBs), lithium metal batteries, and lithium polymer batteries, each with different constituents. In 2019, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in the United States announced fire and explosion risk and safety measures for LIB-powered devices, whereas ...

Cobalt is a critical component in lithium-ion battery cathodes for high energy and power applications. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) accounts for almost two-thirds of global cobalt supply. However, some ...

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