

## Global PV Storage Insights

# Expected ROI of nickel manganese cobalt battery project in Zambia 2026



## Overview

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Can China influence cobalt production in the DRC and Zambia?

China's dominance of cobalt production in the DRC and Zambia, including through state-owned companies, means it could have a significant influence on the precursor plant, but its role is uncertain. Congolese and Zambian civil society actors are concerned about the lack of information and limited stakeholder consultation.

Does Zambia produce nickel & manganese sulfate?

Production of nickel and manganese sulfate is less certain, however. Zambia produced around 4,000 t of nickel in 2022. First Quantum's large nickel mine, Enterprise, started production in Zambia this year, which will add a massive 30,000 t a year on average.

Does Zambia produce cobalt?

Zambia is one of the countries that produce cobalt, mainly as a by-product of copper mining. In this article, we will review the cobalt production in Zambia and some of the major projects that are underway or planned. Zambia is the world's thirteenth-largest producer of cobalt, with output of 0.46kt in 2022, up by 5% in 2021.

Which countries can supply battery grade manganese & nickel?

Gabon and Madagascar have been cited as potential suppliers of battery grade manganese and nickel, respectively. Other countries, such as Tanzania, Zimbabwe and South Africa, are also possibilities.

Can the DRC and Zambia refine cobalt into sulfate?

The DRC and Zambia will find it challenging to source a sufficient amount of ores of the three metals and refine them into sulfates without involving other countries in the region. Neither the DRC nor Zambia currently refines any cobalt production into sulfate, but prospects are promising.

How much is a cobalt project worth in Zambia?

The project has a net present value (NPV) of \$166 million and an internal rate of return (IRR) of 47%, based on a long-term copper price of \$3 per pound and a cobalt price of \$20 per pound. Zambia has significant potential to increase its cobalt production in the coming years, as new projects come online and existing ones resume operations.

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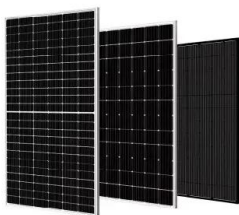


### Zambia's critical minerals set for global boom

Keypoints: Copper, cobalt, lithium output to surge Major mining projects set for 2025-2027 Rare earths and tantalum exploration expanding ZAMBIA'S Ministry of Mines and ...

### Nickel-Manganese-Cobalt (NMC) Lithium-ion Batteries

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### Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxides

Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxides are a family of mixed metal oxides of lithium, nickel, manganese and cobalt. Nickel is known for its high specific energy, but poor stability. Manganese has low specific energy but ...

### Industry News

Zambia is the sixth largest copper producer in the world, holds the second largest cobalt reserves, and has ore mineralization of lithium, manganese, nickel, and graphite, all minerals critical for the Electric Vehicle ...



## Zambia and DRC Sign Cooperation Agreement to manufacture ...

Lusaka, 29th April 2022 - Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has signed a historical cooperation agreement to facilitate the development of value chain in electric battery ...



## EV NMC Battery Market

LG Energy Solution differentiates through high-nickel NMC chemistry leadership, pioneering NCMA (nickel-cobalt-manganese-aluminum) batteries with 90% nickel content. This innovation ...

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## Zambia and DRC partnering in battery production

By doing so, they hope to shorten supply lines between cobalt refineries and battery-making plants. The two governments recently signed a memorandum of understanding; "Zambia-DRC Battery Council" which they ...



## The Cobalt Market

1.1 Metal Properties Cobalt (chemical symbol Co) is a magnetic and lustrous steel grey metal possessing similar properties to iron and nickel in terms of hardness, tensile strength, ...



### Comparing NMC and LFP Lithium-Ion Batteries for C&I

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### Strategic analysis of metal dependency in the

NMC (Nickel-Manganese-Cobalt) and NCA (Nickel-Cobalt-Aluminum) battery production consumes 62 % and 31 % of this nickel, respectively. Secondary nickel production ...



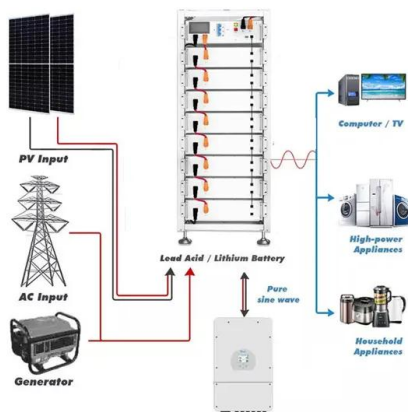
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## Zambia's Rise as a Lithium and Cobalt Refining Hub: ...

Discover why Zambia is fast becoming a lithium and cobalt refining hub--from tax breaks to new plants and a DRC partnership powering the EV battery boom.

### APPLICATION SCENARIOS



## Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide Battery Market Report 2026...

The global importance of the Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (NMC) battery market is rapidly increasing due to the growing demand for efficient, high-energy ...

## Zambia Unveils Critical Mineral Prospects and Milestones

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## Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (NMC) Market: A Deep ...

Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt Oxide (NMC) Market size was valued at USD 5.5 Billion in 2024 and is forecasted to grow at a CAGR of 9.



## COB to progress Cobalt Nickel Refinery Project in 2024

expected by the Company and the Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or information. 10 About Cobalt Blue Cobalt Blue Holdings ...



## Zambia Unveils Rich Critical Mineral Opportunities Before AMW

Discover Zambia's untapped critical mineral wealth and strategic investment opportunities ahead of African Mining Week 2025.

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## Us Nickel Manganese Cobalt NMC Market Deep Dive 2025:

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Nickel Manganese Cobalt NMC Market size is estimated to be USD 2.4 Billion in 2024 and is expected to reach USD 4.7 Billion by 2033 at a CAGR of 8.1% from 2026 to 2033.

## Top 10 biggest nickel projects

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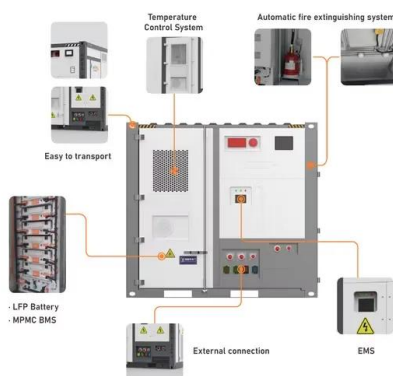


## Europe's cobalt supply security outlook and the potential role ...

Even with the expected increase in high nickel/low cobalt manganese (NCM) and cobalt-free lithium-iron-phosphate (LFP) batteries, as well as other emerging cobalt-free battery ...

## Battery metal project development in sub-Saharan Africa

In Africa, the minerals that are used in these batteries are broadly concentrated in a handful of naturally endowed nations: lithium (Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo ...



## Critical Battery Materials 2025-2035: Technologies, ...

This report uncovers the evolving critical materials demand trends for lithium-ion batteries and provides comprehensive overviews on mineral extraction and processing technology advancements, and market supply outlooks for five key ...

## The Cost of Producing Battery Precursors in the DRC

The sulfates for cobalt, nickel and manganese are combined in various ratios depending on the chemistry type to form the precursor cathode active material (precursors). The precursors are ...



## A Battery Industry in the Central African Copperbelt?

This paper explores DRC and Zambia's plans to build a regional battery industry, leveraging their copper and cobalt resources, while navigating governance, geopolitical challenges, and international partnerships.

## Zambia Highlights Critical Mineral Opportunities Ahead of African

The report comes ahead of African Mining Week (AMW), set for 1-3 October in Cape Town, where a dedicated panel-- Zambia: Accelerating Exploration and Development ...



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## EU adds 13 new critical mineral projects abroad, including sites in

The 13 projects are expected to mobilize a combined EUR5.5 billion (US\$6.3 billion) in capital investments. Ten of them focus on materials essential to battery technologies such ...



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The project is led by Kobaloni Energy and backed by a \$100 million investment from Vision Blue and the Africa Finance Corporation. U.S.-based Terra Metals is also ...



## Nickel Manganese Cobalt(NMC) Market Size, Key Highlights, IoT

The Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC) market is poised for significant growth from 2026 to 2033, driven by evolving consumer demand, technological advancements, and ...

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