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Where will lithium batteries be made in Buenos Aires?

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Why is Argentina launching a lithium battery plant?

A testament to this forward-thinking approach is the imminent launch of its premier lithium battery plant. This venture, realized in partnership with the U.S.-based Livent Corp, underscores Argentina's ambition to be a comprehensive player in the global lithium ecosystem.

#### Does y-TEC sell lithium in Argentina?

In the case of lithium, Y-TEC signed a contract with American company Livent, which extracts the mineral in Catamarca and, for the first time, sold part of its production in Argentina. According to Salvarezza, for industrialization to grow in scale, part of the production ought to be sold on the local market.

Does Argentina have a future beyond just extracting raw lithium?

Argentina envisions a futurebeyond just extracting raw lithium. With a focus on adding value at every step, the country is rapidly advancing in lithium processing and manufacturing sectors. A testament to this forward-thinking approach is the imminent launch of its premier lithium battery plant.

How many companies are involved in a lithium project in Argentina?

These are some of the findings from a report prepared by the consulting firm Aleph Energy,led by Daniel Dreizzen,which analyzes the global lithium market while delving into Argentina in greater detail. These are the 41 companies of various characteristics that participate in the country's 64 projects.

Is Argentina a potential leader in lithium production in 2027?

Amidst this global trend, Argentina is emerging as a potential leader. Experts predict that by 2027, it will surpass established producers like Chile and Australia. Argentina's lithium reserves, concentrated in the provinces of Catamarca, Salta, and Jujuy, are part of the renowned 'lithium triangle'.

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