

Can South Africa become a global battery-production hub?

South Africa is the world's largest producer of manganese, a key battery metal, and holds competitive advantage in producing lithium-ion batteries in large quantities. Investments in supply-chain infrastructure have the potential to transform Africa into a global battery-production hub.

Should we invest in battery production in Africa?

Battery production requires lithium hydroxide and most of the world's conversion plants are in China or Southeast Asia. To build one in Africa would cost around \$300 million and would offer advantages both in terms of cost and logistics. The indications are that the willingness to invest in battery production is there.

Why is electricity storage important in South Africa?

Electricity storage is going to be key not only in helping South Africa meet its considerable industrial and domestic demand for energy but also across Africa as more renewable energy projects benefit from the advances our industry has made with BESS technology. British High Commissioner to South Africa, Antony Phillipson said:

Should a battery be built in Africa?

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Is Africa the only battery producer in the world?

But Europe is not the only player in the space: American and Asian automakers like Tesla and Toyota are building battery gigafactories in a bid to dominate the electric vehicle battery market. Yet, one region is absent in the global battery production race. As the key producer of battery minerals, Africa is a lynchpin in battery supply chains.

Should Africa develop a lithium-ion battery plant?

Naicker says it is important to develop a local lithium-ion battery plant, as all lithium-ion batteries used in Africa are currently imported from mega-factories in the northern hemisphere. In fact, he believes there is an "arms-like race" to establish battery production in the northern hemisphere, but with no plans to do the same in Africa.

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