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LITHIUM

In South America

15TH EDITION – YEAR 2026

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Event overview

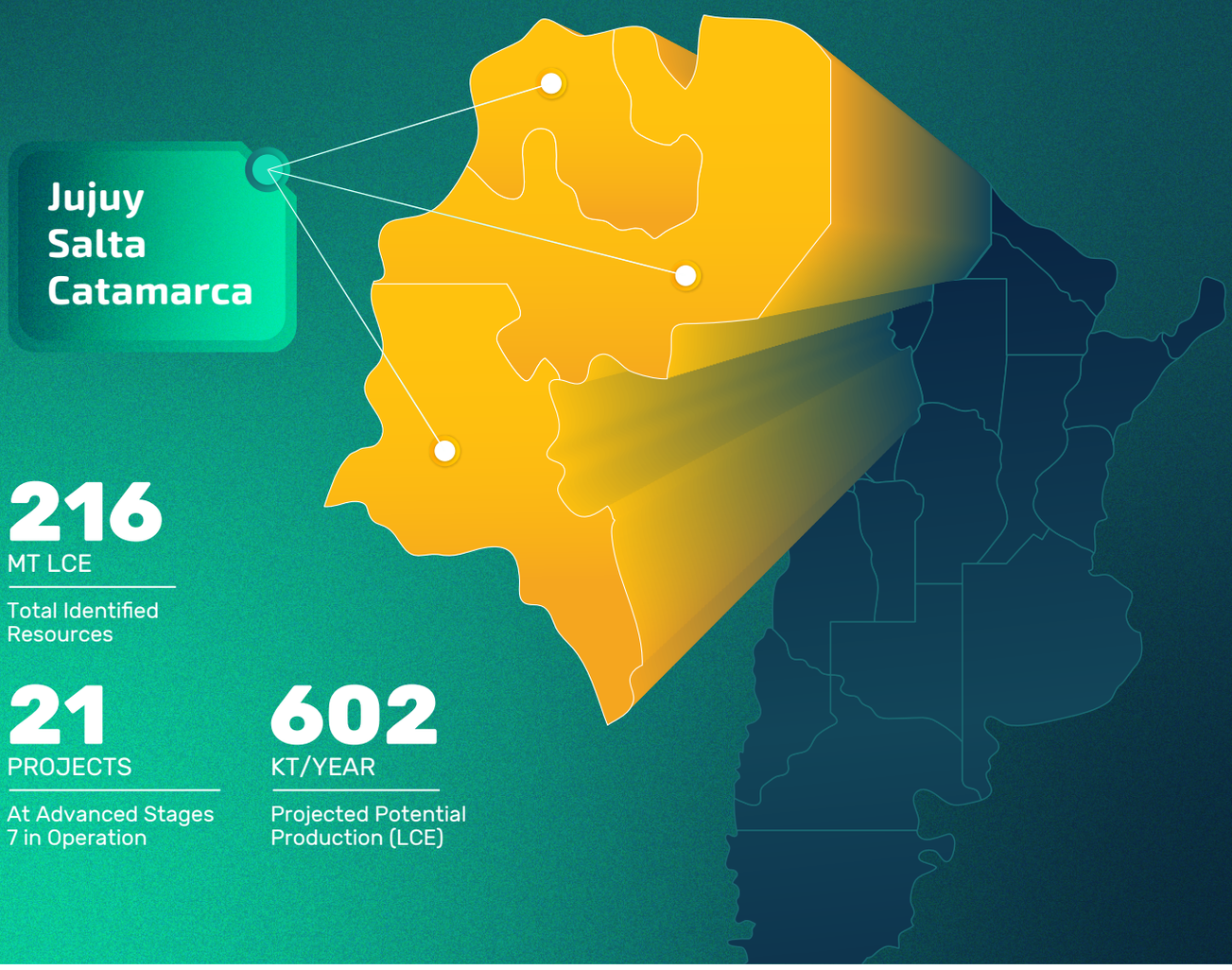
The Leading Lithium Conference in the Lithium Triangle

Since its founding in 2011, the **International Conference: Lithium in South America** has established itself as a **leading platform for strategic analysis, trend anticipation and the development of business opportunities** related to lithium in northwestern Argentina. Over fifteen consecutive editions, the conference has **accompanied the evolution of the sector from its early exploration stages to Argentina's consolidation as a key player in the global lithium supply landscape.**

Held in the heart of the **Lithium Triangle**, the event brings together **producing companies, project developers, institutional investors, government authorities and strategic suppliers** through an agenda focused on **markets, project execution and investment decisions**. Lithium in South America serves as an annual platform for high-level interaction between the productive territory and the international financial and institutional landscape, while also integrating the **technical, innovation and technology perspectives that shape the competitiveness of the sector**.

Each edition is **curated alongside C-level leaders from leading companies, academic institutions and specialized stakeholders**, ensuring **technical depth and strong strategic focus**. Business meetings are designed to **connect operators, suppliers, investors and delegations with real decision-making capacity**, in a global context where **critical minerals occupy a central role in the international economic and energy agenda.**

Rotating Annual Host Location
In the Most Attractive Lithium Region in South America



216
MT LCE
Total Identified Resources

21
PROJECTS
At Advanced Stages
7 in Operation

602
KT/YEAR
Projected Potential Production (LCE)

15+ Years Connecting the Stakeholders Shaping the Future of the Industry

The Event in Numbers

300 +	20 +	25 +	1,900 +	2,800 +
Participating Companies	Lithium & Mining Companies	Countries Represented	Record Attendance	Business Meetings

Why Choose Lithium in South America

A Platform Designed to Maximize Strategic Value

Lithium in South America brings together in a single setting **producing companies, project developers, specialized funds and authorities from across the lithium ecosystem**, with a focus on Argentina and the region, and with a perspective aligned with the **international dynamics of the sector.**

The agenda addresses the **entire lithium value chain**, with a central focus on the **upstream segment**, that is, extraction and project development located in northwestern Argentina. Complementarily, it integrates analysis of the **midstream**, related to chemical conversion processes and value addition, and the **downstream**, linked to industrial integration and the positioning of South American lithium within **global supply chains.**

The Event Offers

Lithium Industry Market Intelligence
Analysis of demand trends, pricing, investment flows and competitive dynamics presented by specialists, international consultancies and market participants.

Access to the Industry's Decision-Making Centers
Participation from producing companies, project developers, regulatory authorities, international organizations and investors with real capital allocation capacity.

Proximity to Key Lithium Operations and Projects in Argentina
Direct access to the operations and technical teams responsible for the main lithium developments located in the NOA region.

Technical Updates from Ongoing Projects and Operations
Presentations delivered by executives and specialists directly involved in the development, operation and scaling of lithium projects in Argentina and the region.

Business Matchmaking: Structured Spaces for Business Development
Pre-arranged meeting agendas, one-on-one sessions and dedicated spaces designed to facilitate commercial agreements, strategic partnerships and new investment opportunities,

Institutional Positioning Within the Strategic Lithium Agenda
Corporate and brand presence within a recognized platform for analysis and dialogue across the lithium value chain.

Lithium in Its Real Operating Context

A Consolidated Platform for Analysis and Decision-Making

Lithium in South America serves as a **reference platform to examine the operational, financial and technological evolution of lithium in Argentina and the region**, integrating concrete results from production, project progress and investment decisions with a **geopolitical, institutional and market perspective** on a sector attracting strong global attention.

Within an international context marked by the **reconfiguration of capital flows and global supply chains**, the event provides an **executive and professional framework** to:

1. Assess the technical performance and progress of projects in operation, construction and feasibility stages across Argentina.
2. Analyze the regional supply structure and its positioning relative to other global production hubs.
3. Understand price dynamics, contracts and financing conditions in the current market environment.
4. Examine innovations applied to extraction and processing, including water efficiency and cost optimization.
5. Access direct information on project timelines, production scales and operational requirements associated with projects under development.
6. Engage with executives, investors, authorities and technical teams with real decision-making responsibility.

For **supplier companies and service providers**, the event also enables participants to understand development timelines, current demand and forward projections across the lithium sector, identifying opportunities related to infrastructure, equipment, technology, energy and logistics.

Strategic Audience

A Specialized Lithium-Focused Audience

The platform developed by **Panorama Minero** brings together **financial, technical and institutional profiles** linked to the development and regulation of the lithium industry. The event convenes professionals with **direct knowledge of the sector in Argentina and South America**, together with **global experts and representatives from leading centers of production, investment and market analysis** across the entire value chain.

Participants Include

- CEOs and C-Level Executives from Producing and Project Development Companies
- Provincial and National Government Officials Linked to Mining, Production and Investment
- Directors of Projects, Operations, Strategy and Corporate Development
- Regulatory Authorities and Investment Promotion Agencies
- Investment Funds, Private Equity and Banks Specialized in Mining, Energy and Critical Minerals
- Academic Institutions and Research Centers Focused on Natural Resources and Energy
- Strategic Suppliers of Technology, Engineering, Equipment and Specialized Services
- Diplomatic Delegations and Government Representatives Interested in Strategic

Voices from Industry Leaders

Experts Who Endorse the Platform

"I have participated in the seminar for the past 15 years and have seen how it has evolved into a key reference point for the industry, bringing together trends, innovation and high-level discussions that help ensure our sector continues to evolve in line with the highest global standards"

Franco Mignacco
Chair, Shareholders Committee – Exar

"Lithium in South America has evolved from a regional meeting into one of the most important global events in the industry. The combination of participants and its location within a producing jurisdiction makes it an essential stop on my annual calendar"

Joe Lowry
Founder - Global Lithium LLC

"It is always an honor to be part of Lithium in South America, a conference I have attended for more than a decade. Each edition attracts greater international presence, and these gatherings are key to understanding the realities of the sector and the actions needed for Argentina to become a global leader in lithium production"

Ignacio Celorrio
Executive Vice President – Lithium Argentina Corp.

"Panorama Minero's event has become a central meeting point for the industry, where participants share experiences, analyze trends and discuss the main challenges facing the sector at a global scale, while also reflecting on the region's enormous potential to contribute to the energy transition"

Paula Córdova
Regional Communications Director – Rio Tinto Lithium

"I see Lithium in South America as a key platform for the exchange of information, perspectives and experiences. It is a highly relevant forum to strengthen relationships, build reputation and align our messages with the broader context of the industry"

Natalia Rojo
Marketing and Corporate Affairs Manager Ganfeng Lithium LATAM

"Argentina is going through a decisive phase for the consolidation of its lithium industry, and in this context our project continues to advance steadily with a long-term industrial vision. Lithium in South America provides a strategic space to share how we are working toward that objective"

Alejandro Moro
CEO - Eramine Sudamérica S.A.

"A platform that has established itself as the benchmark space to analyze the sector's evolution and support lithium growth. Argentina combines world-class resources,

"Lithium in South America has become one of the most important events for the global lithium industry, bringing together the most relevant stakeholders across the entire value chain. The development capabilities, and strong potential. There is no doubt that the event plays a key role as a forum for strategic exchange and sector development"

Luciano Berenstein
Country Manager - Albemarle Corporation

opportunity to connect with key decision-makers generates significant value for those who participate"

Juan Brihet
Senior Consultant - CRU

Previous Speakers

Leaders Who Have Been Part of the Platform

Throughout its fifteen editions, **Lithium in South America** has brought together **key players and leading figures from the mining industry at both regional and global levels**, with direct responsibility in operations, investment decisions and institutional frameworks shaping the sector's growth in the years ahead.

Participants Include

- Executives from producing and project development companies operating in the Lithium Triangle
- Market analysts and specialists with international reach and recognition
- Provincial and national authorities linked to mining, production and investment
- Representatives from multilateral organizations and cooperation agencies
- Executives from the automotive, energy and technology sectors associated with the industrial transition
- Consulting firms specialized in mining, metals and critical minerals
- Academics and representatives from scientific and research institutions

Key Themes and Strategic Focus

An Agenda Aligned with the Industry's Current Moment

The **2026 edition** will examine the **operational, financial and institutional drivers** shaping the performance and competitiveness of lithium, in a global environment where the mineral is regaining **strategic relevance within industrial supply chains, supply security policies and the broader energy transition.**

International Market and Price Structure

Price dynamics, inventory adjustments, contractual frameworks and key signals for producers and project developers.

Capital Discipline and Investment Decisions

Foreign investment conditions, financing structures, return expectations and capital allocation criteria for lithium projects.

Competitiveness of Argentina's Upstream

Argentina's project pipeline: operating production, projects under construction and advanced developments. Cost structures, critical infrastructure and structural factors shaping the country's competitiveness in global markets.

Midstream Integration and Value Creation

Chemical conversion processes, lithium derivatives production, regional integration and opportunities for value capture.

Positioning in Downstream Supply Chains

Linkages with the automotive sector, the energy transition ecosystem and emerging industrial configurations.

Applied Technology and Process Optimization

Advances in Direct Lithium Extraction (DLE), water efficiency, recovery improvements and cost optimization.

Regulatory Framework and Institutional Stability

Regulatory conditions, investment incentives, provincial coordination and Argentina's positioning for international investors, including the RIGI.

Geopolitics of Critical Minerals

Industrial policies in the United States, Europe and Asia, supply security strategies, reshoring dynamics and emerging strategic alliances.

Suppliers and Projected Demand

Technical and infrastructure requirements derived from the pipeline of projects currently in operation and under construction.

Argentina: The Country That Combines Activity and Potential

Leadership in Global Lithium Production

Over the past year, Argentina consolidated its position as the **world's fourth-largest lithium producer** according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), accounting for nearly 9% of global supply. With **seven active operations**, the country has steadily expanded its production capacity in recent years, establishing an operational base that combines scale, experience and project continuity.

The quality of its resources, the competitiveness of its developments and the presence of **leading international companies** position Argentina as **one of the most attractive jurisdictions for lithium investment worldwide.**

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS

112.5 Kt LCE

Annual Production

- 7+ active operations

US$ 905 M

Exports – Last 12 Months

- +40.3% year-on-year
- +59.3% in export volumes

UNPRECEDENTED OPERATIONAL MOMENTUM

RECENTLY COMMISSIONED PLANTS 4

Jul 2024	**Centenario-Ratones** Eramet • Lithium Carbonate • Salta
Oct 2024	**Sal de Oro** POSCO • Lithium Hydroxide • Salta and Catamarca
Feb 2025	**Mariana** Ganfeng Lithium • Lithium Chloride • Salta
Sep 2025	**Tres Quebradas — Phase 1** Zijin Mining • Lithium Carbonate • Fiambalá, Catamarca

ACTIVE OPERATIONS 7

Fénix	Catamarca
Olaroz	Jujuy
Caucharí-Olaroz	Jujuy
Centenario-Ratones	Salta
Sal de Oro	Salta
Mariana	Salta
Tres Quebradas	Catamarca

Leading Companies with Lithium Projects in Argentina

RIO TINTO — UNITED KINGDOM / AUSTRALIA

- Fénix – Hombre Muerto Catamarca
- Olaroz Jujuy
- Sal de Vida Catamarca
- Rincón Salta
- Cauchari JV Jujuy

GANFENG LITHIUM — CHINA

- Caucharí-Olaroz Jujuy · JV – Lithium Argentina & JEMSE
- Pozuelos Pastos Grandes Salta · JV – Lithium Argentina
- Mariana Salta
- Incahuasi-Arizaro Catamarca

LITHIUM ARGENTINA
CANADA
SWITZERLAND

- Caucharí-Olaroz Jujuy · JV – Ganfeng Lithium & JEMSE
- Pozuelos Pastos Grandes Salta · JV - Ganfeng Lithium

ERAMET
FRANCE

- Centenario-Ratones Salta
- Arizaro Salar Salta

ZIJIN MINING
CHINA

- Tres Quebradas Catamarca

POSCO
SOUTH KOREA

- Sal de Oro Catamarca & Salta

Structural Competitive Advantage

Cost Curve Position: Argentina's brine projects rank within the **first global cost quartile**, with **C3 costs between US$3,000 and US$7,000 per tonne of LCE**, significantly below the international average and well under long-term price projections.

Technological Diversification: Argentina combines **traditional evaporation methods** (77% of production in 2025) with emerging **Direct Lithium Extraction (DLE)** technologies, expected to account for **33% of national production** by 2035, improving recovery rates and shortening development timelines.

A Strategic Partner for Global Supply Diversification

In a context of global supply chain rebalancing, Argentina is emerging as a strategic alternative for North America and Europe, offering:

- Low-cost lithium production outside the China–Australia axis
- Regulatory stability and investment frameworks designed to attract large-scale capital
- Rapid scalability of production capacity
- Access to multiple lithium extraction technologies
- Proven experience in industrial-scale lithium production from brine resources

Argentina's combination of exceptional resources, accelerated project development, structural cost competitiveness and the backing of leading global companies positions the country as a key player in the global energy transition and the growth of electric mobility.

World-Class Strategic Resources

PROVEN RESERVES

4 Mt Li

4 million tonnes of contained lithium
Equivalent to 23 Mt LCE

GLOBAL SHARE

13.3%

Share of global identified lithium reserves

PROJECTED EXPORTS

US$ 11.3 BILLION

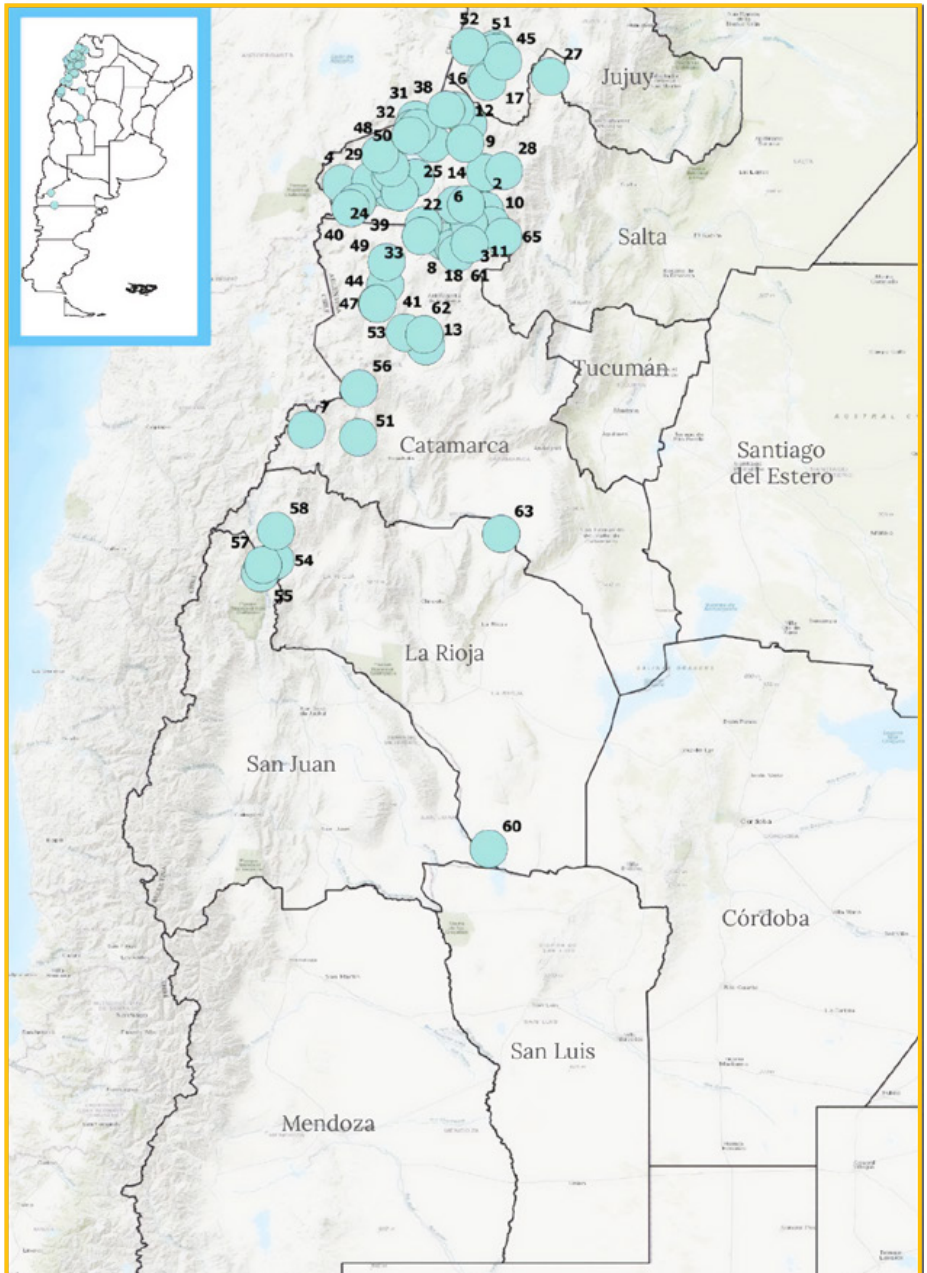
Projection for 2030
Based on the baseline battery demand scenario

REQUIRED INVESTMENT

US$ 19.8 BILLION

For advanced lithium projects
Period: 2025–2031

Lithium Project Map



LITHIUM PROJECTS IN ARGENTINA

PRODUCTION
1. Cauchari-Olaroz
2. Centenario-Ratones
3. Fenix
4. Mariana
5. Olaroz
6. Sal de Oro
7. Tres Quebradas

CONSTRUCTION
8. Hombre Muerto Oeste
9. Rincón
10. Sal de Los Ángeles
11. Sal de Vida
12. Salar del Rincón

FEASIBILITY
13. Kachi
14. Pozuelos Pastos-Grandes

PREFEASIBILITY
15. Arizaro
16. Cauchari
17. Cauchari Jv

PEA
18. Candelas
19. Hombre Muerto Norte
20. Rio Grande
21. Salar Tolillar

ADVANCED EXPLORATION
22. Alba X
23. Alcalina
24. Arizaro
25. Arizaro Norte
26. Arizaro Sur
27. Cangrejillos
28. Centenario
29. Doncella
30. Gallego
31. Incahuasi
32. Incahuasi-Arizaro
33. Laguna Verde
34. Mina Sisifo - Mina Patilla
35. Pocitos I

PROSPECTING
57. Altos Sapitos
58. Buen Augurio 2
59. Cateos
60. Gran Mascasin
61. Hombre Muerto
62. Karachi Salar Escondido
63. La Diez
64. Lipetren
65. Litio Gold I, Ii Y Iii
66. Virgen Del Valle Litio

36. Pular
37. Reina Sofia IV
38. Rincón Oeste
39. Rio Grande
40. Rio Grande Sur
41. Salar de Antofalla I
42. Salari
43. Salari 22
44. Antofalla Salar
45. Solaroz
46. Taca Sal IV
47. Trila Lea
48. Vega de Arizaro

INITIAL EXPLORATION
49. Antofalla Norte
50. Candela II
51. Cazadero Grande
52. Formentera-Cilón
53. Incahuasi
54. Leoncito
55. Los Sapitos
56. San Jorge

Source: National Mining Secretariat / Information from operating companies. 2026.

At the heart of **MINING.**

+50 years supporting Argentina's mining industry

For more than five decades, **Panorama Minero** has played an active role in the development of Argentina's mining sector, combining specialized journalism, strategic content production and the organization of the industry's leading events.

The company has established itself as a platform for collaboration among companies, investors, academia, authorities and national and international stakeholders, contributing to the construction of a professional, technical and business-oriented mining agenda that brings together all parts of the sector.

Interested in Lithium in South America or looking to learn more about the mining industry?

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