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Why is Zambia partnering with DRC to produce car batteries?

Zambia has advanced its manufacturing sector with potential to produce car batteries. For this reason, the southern Africa country has sought for a partnership with its neighbour DRC to boost their mining and manufacturing sectors to be able to take advantage of the global demand for cobalt and lithium-ion batteries.

Is Zambia a positive development for the EV ecosystem?

I must say this is an incredibly positive development for the Zambian EV ecosystem. Zambia now joins several countries in Africa, such as Ethiopia, Mauritius, and Rwanda, to remove or reduce customs duty on electric vehicles.

Are EV companies pursuing a symbiotic relationship in Zambia?

President Hichilema said, "We have the natural resources, they have the technology. This is the symbiotic relationship we are pursuing with companies like BYD and CATL, who are the largest EV and energy storage battery manufacturers, to invest in Zambia." Exciting times for the EV sector in Zambia.

How will the removal of customs duty affect electric vehicles in Zambia?

The removal of customs duty for full electric vehicles and the reduction of customs duty for hybrids is a very welcome development. This will help reduce the cost of electric vehicles in Zambia, making them more competitive with ICE vehicles from an upfront purchase point of view.

Will private sector play a role in achieving Zambia's manufacturing agreement?

"We fully welcome and support the Operationalisation of this agreement" Mr Masuwa said. Zambia Association of Manufacturers president Ashu Sagar said the private sector will play its role in seeing to it that the programme succeeds.

How will precursor production benefit the DRC and Zambia?

People in the DRC and Zambia could benefit greatly from precursor production in their countries, particularly if the associated energy and transport infrastructure is leveraged for wider use. However, government efforts in other policy areas will be at least as important.

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