



Impact of uncertainty in automotive fuel and energy storage on selected elements

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Selected elements



Stationary storageICEBatteries for NEVs



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Automotive "fuel"



 NCA Lithium nickel cobalt aluminum oxide battery
 N:M:C 1:1:1
 N:M:C 5:3:2
 N:M:C 8:1:1
 NiMH Nickel Metal Hydride

 Lithium
 Cobalt
 Nickel
 Manganese
 Aluminium

 Increasing complexity of "fuel" types



Energy storage set to grow



- NEV's will substantially increase electricity consumption
- New electricity demand will come from charge stations across the road network
- In parallel increased electricity generation from renewable sources and demand for recharging automobiles will put pressure on supply
- Stationary storage will be used to smooth peaks and troughs in demand

economically smoothing energy demand





Many sources of uncertainty may delay decisions

	Policy	Technology		Capacity		Enabling Infrastructure
	Many levels of government creating policy, from Inter- governmental to city majors creating layers of rules and policies	Rate of development is key to bringing down costs to make policy affordable. Many alternatives still available		Extreme commodity intensity; investments in production capacity face uncertainty about technology and infrastructure		Decision to invest will hasten demise of old technology (ICE). Higher renewables penetration compounds issues
	Fast & important changes	No clear winners yet		Some speculation will be needed		Additional set of market participants
Wrong or mistimed decisions will cost participants dearly						

Clarity about direction but not outcomes



Single policy statements can make a large difference

Government of China announcements

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Credit /quota system if implemented +67% by 2025



Automotive and storage







Vanadium – recently surprised on the upside



Abundance of known reserves (250 years)

Uncertainty of supply Ample mine capacity is available

Political exposure of supply

Years of known reserves

China, South Africa and Russia dominate supply, medium term alternative sources would be available

Supply chain recycling Will be easy in stationary storage

Uncertainty of demand

Civil engineering related legislation is a current driver of demand. Storage demand will not change balance

Vulnerability to the absence of substitution Available in most applications, but at a higher cost



Lead – future is positive with automobile and storage



Years of known reserves **19 years of reserves**

Uncertainty of supply Sufficient mine capacity exists to meet future demand

Well established and significant contribution to annual supply

Political exposure of supply **Diversified and low risk**



Uncertainty of demand **Stable demand**

Supply chain recycling

Vulnerability to the absence of substitution Pb-acid batteries dominance is threatened by new developments



Nickel – vulnerable to fly-up in price



Years of known reserves 35 years of reserves do not give huge comfort that there will not be a problem in the longer term

Uncertainty of supply Additional capacity required to meet future demand

Political exposure of supply

is a medium risk, while there are diversified sources, many are in higher risk countries

Supply chain recycling Recycling is well established

Uncertainty of demand Nickel use is impacted by new technology and new applications

Vulnerability to the absence of substitution

Nickel can be substituted in key applications, but at higher costs



Manganese





Years of known reserves **37 years of reserves**

Uncertainty of supply Additional capacity required to meet future demand

Political exposure of supply South Africa dominates supply then Australia and China

Supply chain recycling Well established and increasing in line with steel



Uncertainty of demand No disruptive demand expected

Vulnerability to the absence of substitution Can't be substituted in certain applications - high strength alloy steels



Cobalt – the risk of over-reliance is well known



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Years of known reserves

70 years of reserves at current production rates will decline to 25 years in ten years if no new reserves identified

Uncertainty of supply Forecast supply deficit for 2027 is greater than 30%

Political exposure of supply 50% of mine supply comes from the Democratic Republic of Congo

Supply chain recycling High recycling rate needed to maintain supply / demand balance

Uncertainty of demand

More than 60% of demand growth coming from automotive sector

Vulnerability to the absence of substitution

Efforts being made to minimise use of cobalt in battery applications



Vulnerability matrix - used to identify risk of price fly-ups









A criticality assessment tool usable by all stakeholders







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