

# Fastmarkets battery materials short-term forecasts

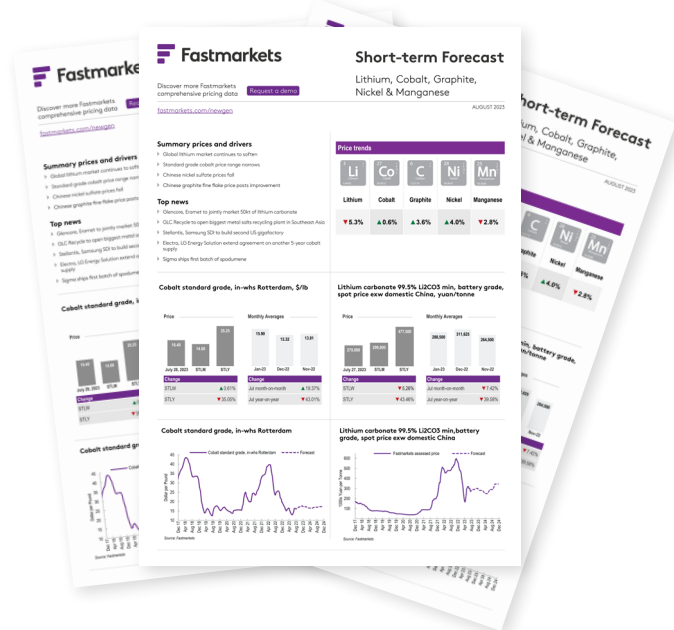
Respond to shifting market dynamics with confidence

## Strengthen your short-term planning by getting in front of trends shaping the battery materials market

Geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, ecological disasters, and many other factors can suddenly impact the battery materials market.

Without transparency into the dynamics shaping the market, you may find your organization negatively impacted either operationally or financially.

So, how do you establish a competitive edge in a volatile market?



## Fastmarkets short-term forecasts

The rapidly evolving nature of the battery materials market underscores the critical need for a clear outlook over the next two years.

Whether your priority is optimizing your buying and selling strategies, strengthening your contract structures, or safeguarding against risks, **our short-term forecasts provide the insights you need.** They empower you to take confident steps forward and turn that clarity into financial success.

Our forecasts and outlooks are curated by over 30 experts working exclusively in the battery materials market. This way, you can devote your focus to strategic initiatives instead of spending time auditing and evaluating the state of the battery materials market.

## Key features of Fastmarkets short-term forecasts

We provide **two-year forecasts on critical battery materials**, including:

Lithium carbonate and hydroxide domestic China and seaborne Asian prices

Fastmarkets MB cobalt standard grade benchmark price

LME nickel price

Natural graphite – flake, spherical and coated



### Supply chain overview

Our forecasts provide independent analysis of the supply-and-demand fundamentals for each battery material, including news highlights and key market drivers



### Pricing mechanism analysis

Gain a deeper understanding of current and future pricing in major global battery material markets. Our analysis of pricing mechanisms includes spot, contract and formula-based spodumene prices



### Market insights

Learn the market dynamics and sentiment for the EV market, including regional developments and EV take-up by region as well as insights into the energy storage systems market



### Regular updates

Our experts working exclusively in the battery materials market update our forecast every month, so you always have the latest information to hand

## How Fastmarkets short-term forecasts can help

### Strategy

- ✓ Build resilience within your business by preparing for the eventualities that come with demand and supply imbalances or price volatility

### Sourcing

- ✓ Our analysis and commentary on regional supply will help you make informed decisions about where to source your battery material from

### Purchasing

- ✓ Be informed on the dynamics of the battery material prices to leverage short-term opportunities

## Secure supply

- ✓ Understand the factors affecting the markets and prices to determine your ratio of spot to contract buying/selling, or when to restock, live hand-to-mouth or destock

## Bottom-line

- ✓ Be aware of where producers' and consumers' pain thresholds are, as well as have insight into what price levels may impact supply or demand

## Risk management

- ✓ Get insight into the markets and prices so you can manage future risks

## Supply management

- ✓ Improve accuracy and timing of purchasing supplies and improve management of inventories

## Why choose Fastmarkets?



### Trusted data

Price data is market-reflective and backed by IOSCO-compliant methodologies



### Expert analysis

Access a team of over 30 experts working exclusively with battery materials



- The LME, CME and SGX have all launched or announced futures contracts that are cash settled against the Fastmarkets lithium indices
- 80% of the world's cobalt trade is referenced to the Fastmarkets benchmark, with lithium currently transitioning towards indexation
- Fastmarkets launched the first seaborne black mass price and the first price in Asia outside of China



### Global coverage

Robust presence in the Asian spot markets as well as other key global markets



### Exchange backing

Backed by the major metal exchanges across the world, such as the LME, CME and SGX

**Gain the clarity and foresight to make critical decisions with ease.**

**Talk to us**